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Water quality protection about to become more challenging, expert says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

With new improvements to septic systems and the withdrawal of provincial input on shoreline development, municipalities are going to have to arm themselves with more information and knowledge if they don't want to allow lakeside development to run rampant, says a water quality specialist who's represented both developers and development opponents.

"You'll have to look after your own ship or something will come along to cause it to leak," limnologist Michael Michalski recently told the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association when he presented his lake capacity study for Drag and Spruce (Art) Lakes.

Michalski successfully lobbied the province to research new environmentally-friendly ways of dealing with sewage in places where treatment plants are not available or affordable, and is on a committee overseeing the project. "It's ridiculous we develop around lakes knowing we will affect water quality because we can't treat sewage properly."

However, he warns that many existing water quality studies, including his own, are based primarily on septic system runoff predictions.

If septic systems no longer pollute, what will people support their objections to development with? It will be too easy for developers to say that with the new septic technology, development will have no impact on the lake environment.

"If new technology comes on

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Highland Games

Haliburton's own Legion Pipe Band, above, was among the performers who entertained the crowd at Head Lake Park during the games on Saturday. Bill Knox from Fort Erie, far right, who also judged and scored the heavy events competition at the Highland Games, competed in the events which included the stone throw. (Harry MacDonald, "the strongest man in the world," retains his title taking first place over his four competitors.) Maggie Keppie, right, shared her angelic voice with the Highland Games audience when she entertained with a few traditional Scottish tunes in both Gaelic and English.

EMERGENCY CALLS:

Getting help isn't as easy as dialing 9-1-1

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It sure isn't 9-1-1.

When Mary Hincks discovered that some road signs belonging to the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization had been stolen, she immediately picked up her phone to call the police.

That was the easy part.

First, she had to disregard the bright orange sticker her association had distributed, giving all the important emergency numbers. The toll-free number for the OPP had changed since the stickers had been printed.

So, she dialed the new number, 1-888-310-1122. A voice in Orillia answered and the questions began.

What township was she in? "Anson, Hindon and Minden." That's three townships (amalgamated to form a municipality). He needed a single township. She settled for Minden. (Anson and Hindon are to the north of Minden village.) How do you spell Kashagawigamog? What does N85 mean (as a lot identification number)?

"This was very, very frustrating," the LKO's past president told fellow members at Saturday night's annual general meeting at PineStone. "When I was finally through answering the questions, I was told someone from the Minden OPP detachment would get back to me. An hour and a half later, a constable phoned me but when I told him I was reporting the theft of road signs, he said I had to call back to the 1-888 number."

As a result, she warned the 100 or so members that when they had cause to phone the police, they'd better be prepared

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Woman gets hit by lightning

WHAT DO THEY say about the chances of being hit by lightning? And how high would the odds go if you were to be hit inside your home, sleeping in bed? Last Friday morning at 4:45, when 88-year-old Iva Woodward was visiting with her son Ray's family at Woodland Ranch in Stanhope, she was awoken by a quick and sudden pain in her hand. Her bedroom was filled with white light and she heard a loud crack, which she thought was the window breaking. Terrified, she stayed in bed until everyone else woke up. Her son brought her to hospital because on her hand was a large, deep cut, "as if someone had taken a scalpel to it," and the edges of the cut were black. It's believed that a bolt of lightning travelled through the window and hit her hand, causing her entire arm to tingle. On Tuesday, Mr. Woodward brought his mother back to her home in Stayner, but she's still very nervous about where it's safe to sleep during a lightning storm. Since she's already defied the odds by being hit by lightning once in her 88 years, her family is trying to reassure her that the chance of it happening again is very, very remote.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

Most cottagers come to the Highlands to enjoy nature, but Heather and Carolyn Childs have a lot of nature in their backyard in the city. Last week, the two young Kashagawigamog cottagers brought us two pints of beautiful red cherries which they had picked from their tree at home. The cherries were delicious and we thank the girls for thinking of us.

In the story about the new occupants of Pritchard House in Minden, it was incorrectly stated that the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts was involved. Instead, it's just the Handweavers and Spinners Guild (one of the Guild of Fine Arts' guilds) which has entered into an agreement with Anson, Hindon and Minden for the use of the house. For those who haven't yet dropped by (it's the former Adamson law office tucked in behind Main Street adjacent to the public parking) there are several looms for newcomers to the craft to use, and workshops on how to use them, as well as beautiful arts and crafts in the gift shop. And recognition should go to Marvella Smith who was the rug hooker responsible for the two rugs that she donated to the Minden Museum on behalf of the rug hookers guild.

Fiesta Buckhorn is a "celebration of fine wines and cuisine" at the Buckhorn Community Centre on Friday, July 25 from 2 to 9 p.m.. Ontario's wineries will be featured, as well as a major brewery. It's $8 per person which includes a sampling glass and two sampling tickets. Other sampling tickets are two for a dollar.

Blood donor clinic July 22

Haliburton area blood donors are needed during the difficult summer collection time to meet the needs of central Ontario patients. Today, hospital stock orders of several blood groups continue to be reduced to help maintain inventory for emergencies. All blood types are needed, especially group O.

Healthy individuals age 17 to 70 are urged to attend the blood donor clinic and help give the blood bank a summer boost: Tuesday, July 22, Haliburton Legion, 1:30 to 8 p.m.

The Red Cross needs to collect at least 220 donations at this clinic.

The need for blood never takes a holiday. Recently, blood was vital to the lives of many people including four cancer patients, someone undergoing cardiac surgery and four trauma patients. In the summer, blood is also needed by motor vehicle and boating accident victims.

Donors are reminded to bring valid identification and encouraged to bring a friend along to the clinic.

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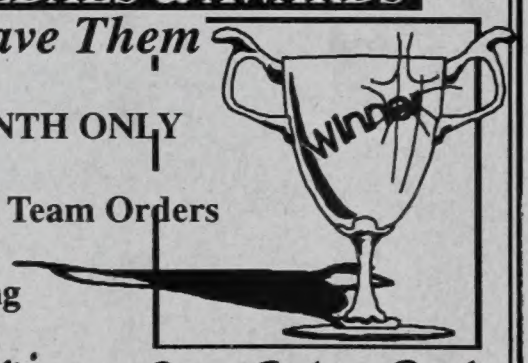
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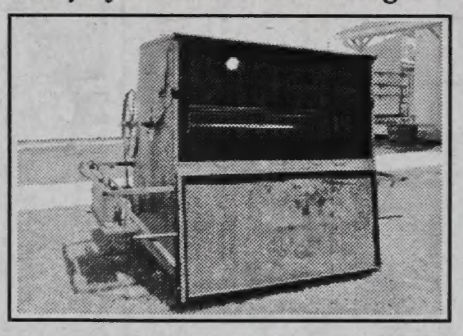
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School projects still in EIC limbo

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Construction projects planned by Haliburton's school board remain locked in limbo while board officials wait for the province's Education Improvement Commission to decide their fate.

The board is anxious to find out as quickly as possible if the EIC supports a $6-million proposal to upgrade and expand Haliburton's high school so construction can begin this fall.

It's also waiting for word on whether it can build a new primary level school to replace aging Victoria Street School rather than put an addition on J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

"We were hoping to have an answer by now ... Hopefully, we'll hear something within the next few days," Haliburton board chair Cheryl Murdoch said on Friday.

Earlier last week Murdoch and other board officials had a chance to speak to Ann Vanstone, co-chair of the EIC, about the projects during a meeting at the Ministry's district office in Barrie.

Vanstone told the group the EIC has dealt with construction plans from some boards, but it hasn't yet reached Haliburton's proposals, Murdoch said.

She said the group was assured by Vanstone that the commission is trying to process the building applications quickly.

The board recently cleared an important hurdle when the local committee overseeing the transition to one merged board for Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka reversed an earlier decision and gave the construction plans its seal of approval.

In May the committee, which includes trustees from all three boards, opposed Haliburton exceeding spending levels previously approved by the province.

That left the board facing the prospect of scaling the projects back drastically to fit within a budget less than half the size.

But in a complete turnaround last month, the committee gave both proposals its support.

The sudden about-face came when committee members concluded that lending mutual support to projects from their individual boards would give them all a better chance of going ahead as planned.

The board estimates the cost of expanding the high school at about $6-million, while building a new primary school is pegged at $2.3-million.

Previously, the province agreed to split the cost of a $2.8-million high school upgrade and an $850,000 VSS replacement.

Should the EIC give Haliburton permission to exceed these approved spending limits, the board would still require final approval from the Ministry of Education before it can move ahead with either of the plans.

Waterfront setback rules change in Minden

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden Council.

People building new waterfront homes and cottages will have to set them back further from the lake, under zoning bylaw changes approved by council.

Other changes adopted Thursday give residents the ability to operate home industries in rural zones.

Previously, the municipality's zoning bylaw required that buildings be constructed 20m from the high water mark.

But council approved increasing the setback to 30 metres on all bodies of water.

The Ministry of Natural Resources requires a 30-metre setback on cold water trout lakes.

Presently, Minden follows that policy on new severances.

The amendment puts the municipality's zoning bylaw in line with the MNR's policies.

Councillor Sinc Nesbitt voted against the zoning amendment, saying he disagrees with the 30-metre setback.

Council also approved other changes to its zoning bylaw, including an amendment that more clearly defines conditions for people to follow when operating businesses from their homes.

The amendment introduces provisions for home industry businesses in rural zones.

Compared to home occupations, home industries allow the property owner to use more space within the dwelling for business purposes, as well as larger signs.

However, in both cases, the principal use of building must remain as a residence.

Dock talk

Council has agreed to take the public dock on the Gull River off the federal government's hands, provided it doesn't have to pay the administration charge.

Ottawa is planning to get rid of the 800 public wharves and boat launches it operates across the country. It's first offering the sites to local municipalities. If they don't want them, community groups will be given an opportunity to take them over before they are offered for sale to the public.

Minden councillors had no complaint with taking over the public wharf, provided the government waives the $750 administration fee it has requested for the transfer.

MINDEN HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Hundreds of people took to the roads on Saturday to participate in this popular fundraiser for the Minden Hospital. Above, the table was set beautifully at the Orpanas' house. At right is the pioneer homestead they first remodelled. Below, the flowers weren't all in bloom at the Russell home in Carnarvon, but the lush garden still gave people plenty of ideas. At bottom, it was like Christmas in July at the Mansfield home, where each room had its own themed Christmas tree . Martha Perkins photos

Reporting emergencies is not a simple matter, so know your lot i.d.

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and have their lot, concession, township, road, distance from that road to their property and lot identification number, including the N or the S, handy.

What made the experience even more frustrating for Hincks is that she was one of the driving forces behind the lot identification program. This was supposed to make things easier for emergency crews to find properties, rather than having to rely on "we're at the third tree past the bend in the road after the big hill."

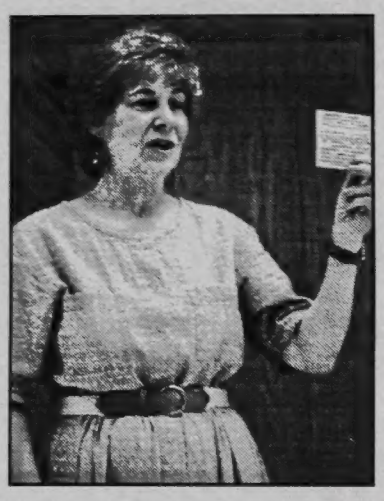
But on the day before the meeting, when she met with the Coboconk-Minden detachment's staff sergeant, she was surprised when he told her he didn't know anything about the LKO directory she had hand-delivered to the detachment office when it was in Minden. (She also gave the directory to the Haliburton sub-office, the ambulance stations and fire departments, which say they use the directories regularly.)

"I find that really frustrating after all the work we've done," said Hincks, adding that she understood the detachment was understaffed and over-worked and there might have been some confusion when the administrative office was moved from Minden to Coboconk. (It's moving back to Minden in the fall.)

"Are the police co-operating or is this a pain to them," asked one member. "We should say 'hey, what's going on here?'... Maybe we should get someone to step on someone's toes."

Association member Bud Thorn says he knows the Minden OPP is inputting information into a computer because when he phoned about a problem, the officer immediately could access the lot identification numbers involved.

Members were further dismayed when Hincks said she was told the lake could expect to see the OPP marine patrol only once this summer.



Mary Hincks holds up the obsolete emergency numbers

In the rest of her report on emergency procedures, she also noted that the new number for ambulance service is 457-3916, which links you to a dispatcher in Lindsay. The fire numbers – 457-2323 for those in Dysart and 286-1212 in Minden – are forwarded to Peterbor-ough, so don't expect the person on the other end of the line to be familiar with your road.

For those who have an emergency, the ambulance station encourages people to park a car with lights flashing at the end of the driveway to help direct the crew to the right property. Another suggestion is a white sheet draped over the mailbox.

The LKO will consider making new stickers with the new emergency numbers to distribute to members.

Ministries no longer provide input

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line (in the next two to three years), it will eliminate what I'm talking about (in lakeshore capacity studies)," he said.

And now that cost-cutting measures mean the Ministries of Natural Resources or Environment will no longer study each application, municipalities are going to have to have some other resources to fall back on if they feel developments would be detrimental.

Michalski wants to help gather these resources.

Septic systems are not the only contributing factor to water quality decline, he said. Instead, lake associations and municipalities should do surveys of lakes which take such things as soil, slope, fisheries and wetlands into consideration.

"People will have to look at other elements of capacity and the most practical is shoreline capacity," he said, recommending that the Drag Lake association do a formal survey of its shoreline. "You don't just look at Pre-Cambrian Shield property and cut it into pieces based on by-laws."

This doesn't mean his study on lakeshore capacity is of no present and future value. Objections to development often lead to Ontario Municipal Board hearings, which should be avoided because they are both costly and tiring, Michalski said. Now that the association has the information from his study, it should work hard at getting they study's findings incorporated into Dysart's Official Plan. By having environmentally-sound policies in place before a developer makes a proposal, and therefore heading off decisions which may lead to objections, that trip to the OMB might be avoided.

"What I'm recommending is to go to the municipality and say 'we want the OP amended for our lakes, which means you can't go beyond that.' That then becomes the planning law... The study will be useless if it sits on your shelves. You've got to do something with it...

"Planning departments are looking for this kind of input to guide them because the role of the province is not going to be there."

One example of this is changes to requirements for building a new dock. Previously, the MNR had to approve each dock application, no matter what its size. Now, work permits are not required for docks which are cantilevered, floating, or on piles or cribs that are less than 15 sq.m. in total. "Someone can come in and build an entire marina with thousands of feet of docking without a work permit."

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These events can also be found every week on the Haliburton Highlands Web Page at http://www.auriga.on.ca/hal/upcome.html

Old office; new museum

After nearly 90 years, Stanhope's historic council chamber ready for a new life

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

After more than 30 years away from political life, former Stanhope Reeve and County Warden Bill Cowen was back at the council table briefly Wednesday morning with a gavel in hands.

Cowen, who served on council for four years in the mid-Sixties, officially opened what will be the last-ever meeting to be held in Stanhope's original council chamber.

Now "better than 80," Cowen is the last surviving reeve to have served in the nearly 90-year-old building.

The simple, one-room council chamber, beautifully restored by volunteers with Stanhope's heritage board, is to house a museum. (Previously, it was incorrectly reported in *The Echo* that the ceremony last week would mark the opening of the museum. However, the date of the opening has not yet been set.)

Wednesday's symbolic meeting was called not only to honour the many people who served in the building for nearly six decades, but also to commemorate Stanhope's 100th anniversary as an independent municipality, said Reeve Jock Mavor.

It was in 1897 that Stanhope and the quintet of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale decided to go their separate ways.

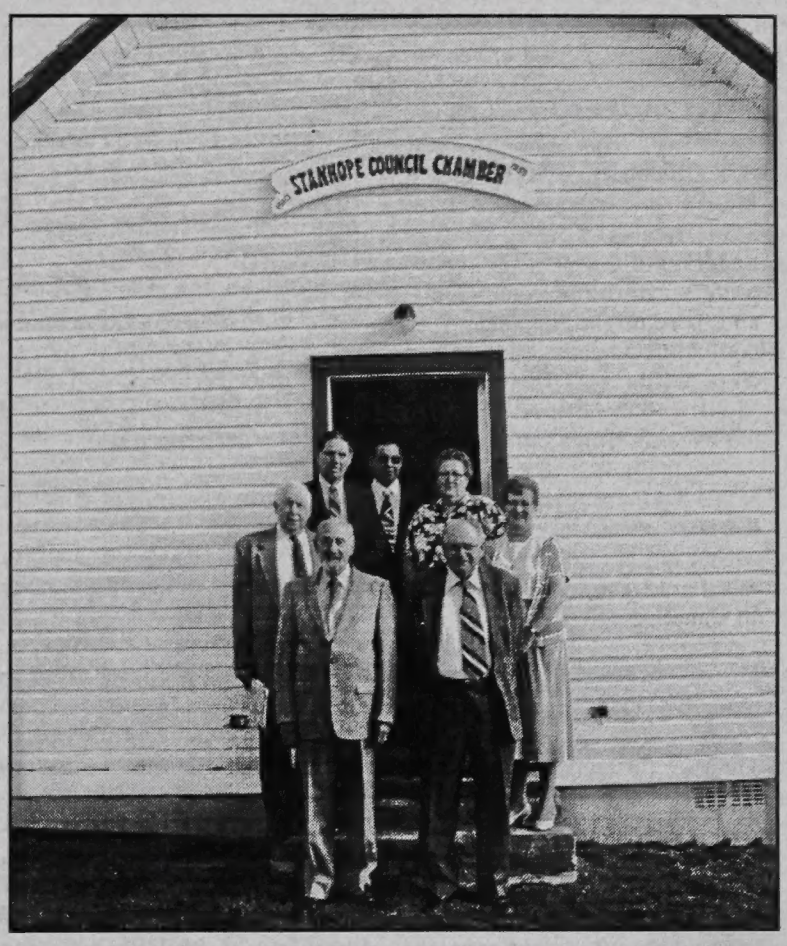
For more than 20 years, Stanhope had no council chamber to call its own and meetings were held at councillors' homes.

Councillor Harry Sisson, who hosted many of the meetings, donated a piece of his Beech Lake property for a council chamber in 1910.

The building, which was actively used until 1968, remained on the site until it was moved last year to its new location, adjacent to the current municipal office.

Cowen recalled that council, which had always been made to feel at home during meetings at Harry Sisson's, was able to return the favor.

"Harry Sisson had to live here for about three or four months with his family after his house burned down" he explained. "Council moved out until his new house was ready in the spring."



NEW ROLE: Bill Cowen, front, right, the last surviving reeve to have served in Stanhope's original council chamber, helped the municipality celebrate the final council meeting in the building before it is turned into a museum. Also in the photo are Reeve Jock Mavor, councillor Murray Daniels, councillor Jim Hicks, clerk-administrator Gerald Bain, councillor Ann Barker and deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison.

He also remembered the cold winter meetings in the building which had very little insulation.

Cowen, who was county warden the year construction began on Hyland Crest, said municipal politics has changed a great deal since the days he spent in Stanhope's old council chamber.

"There wasn't near the work there is now, I can tell you that."

Council's main responsibility was looking after roads. The only municipal employee was the clerk. Pay for a councillor was $7 per monthly meeting, plus a mileage fee of five cents a mile, one-way.

But one thing hasn't changed — even then amalgamation and restructuring were hot topics of conversation.

"It's still the same. They're still talking about it," said Cowen.

Cowen said he's very impressed with the restoration volunteers performed on the old council chamber and thinks it will be a great site for a museum.

Reeve Mavor commended all of the people who volunteered their time and effort on the restoration project. He gave special mention to Ross Vincent who put in many hours of work to get the building in shape for Wednesday's ceremony.

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Kashagawigamog group pulled back from the brink

LKO gets renewed support from property owners

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

In rain-drenched April, with fewer than 100 members signed up and even fewer expressing an interest in taking a leadership role, the "surviving" members of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization's executive saw a pretty bleak future ahead of them.

On one of the sunniest Saturdays in July, that future seemed a lot brighter when almost 100 people came out to support the organization at its annual general meeting at PineStone.

"I feel good about the tone and response," LKO president John Hincks said as the meeting drew to a close on Saturday night. He felt even better when a member led the crowded room in applauding Hincks and his wife Mary for working so hard to keep the organization together.

Other applause was directed towards treasurer Lynne Bertrand and lake steward Trevor Babbs, two of the other stalwarts during the past year.

Interest in the organization was renewed when, in the April newsletter, members were told that with declining membership and few people willing to stand for office, the LKO might have to fold. "We do not want this to happen," the Hinckses wrote. "Too many people have worked long and hard to build this organization. A strong lake association sends an important and influential message to governments. There's strength in numbers. We are a force to be reckoned with. Let's not lose that."

But with a "bare bones" annual operating budget of $3,250, the LKO could not survive with only 100 members at $20 a membership. After the appeal, membership is up to 161, but that's still a long way off from 1993's peak membership of 431. That's the year lot identification was introduced and as one man said, for some lakeshore owners, that was the first time they had ever been approached by someone from the LKO and learned of its existence. (The LKO also has a "Welcome to Kashag" program, run for the past four years by Kathy Sweeney and now under the direction of Lynn Hoppenreys.)

Membership has been declining since then; the 1996 total was 232 even though there are 700 potential members and 636 people are "signed up" with lot identification. (One member suggested that LKO membership be a prerequisite for getting a lot i.d. number.)

Now that the sewer line extension has almost been completed, and the upgraded sewage treatment plant is up and running, the LKO's raison d'être no longer seems as clear. The organization – one of the last to form, especially for such a major lake – had its start in 1989, when property owners were worried about water quality and Dysart et al's plan to have people along the north shore of Kashagawigamog, from Haliburton to Deer Lodge divert their sewage to the new line instead of relying on individual septic systems.

But Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that if issues are what drive an organization, the LKO won't have to wait long to have an issue delivered to them. "You may be back with a bigger crowd next year once you get your tax bill," he said, only half in jest.

With the downloading of services from the province to municipalities with a corresponding cut in provincial grants, combined with a province-wide shift to Actual Value Assessment, Fearrey says council will no longer be able to have zero-percent budget increases. (See LKO briefs for more details.)

Mary Hincks also noted that many lakeshore property owners are older than 50, with little interest in social events such as fun days or barbecues. "Lake Kashagawigamog is not what you'd call a younger generation lake," she said. "It's also very large and difficult to co-ordinate."

"People are satisfied if they have a level of comfort," said Jim Josephs, who with five others who met on John Puffer's dock in the late '80s, helped to found the organization. "People are willing to trust things can go along as they are if there are no problems, and they trust the people in place are doing a good job...

"I'm not so much upset membership numbers have dwindled, but I think the issues are still there and I'd be upset if the organization went by the wayside."

"Groups like this are critical for the municipality," said Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon, who is also a past president of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations. As well, "there are too many things happening provincially (to not be involved.) You need your voice in the right place."

Although the executive may be discouraged, Anthon said "often the rejuvenation is worth the downside" and she believed in the future of the organization.

"We want to remain positive but we have to be realistic and be prepared in case the membership continues to drop," said Hincks, who after serving as interim president, was acclaimed as president for a two-year term.

Under the LKO's constitution, the executive has to give one year's notice that dissolution may be a necessary solution. He did that, saying the issue would be discussed at next year's AGM, and also put forward a motion to have a committee look at some of the ramifications of disbanding the group.

While at least one member wished the motion was worded in a more positive way, stressing that the committee would look at ways to make the organization grow and flourish, others were content with the intent of trying to make sure that the organization would continue.

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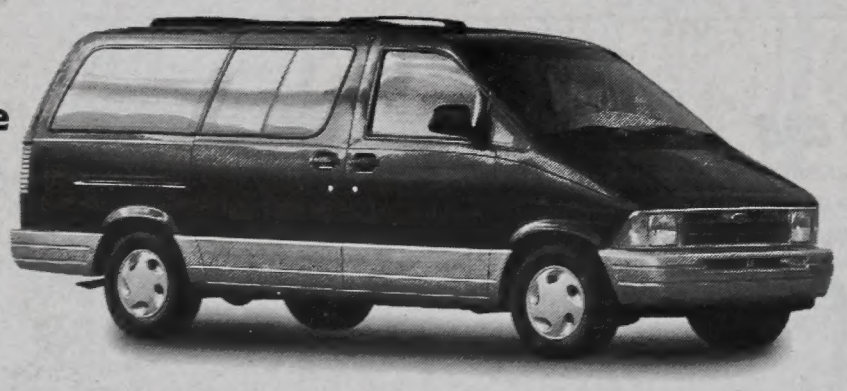

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Stanhope balks at fee for 'free' boat launch

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's meeting of Stanhope Council.

The federal government wants to transfer ownership of the public boat launch at Big Hawk Lake to Stanhope.

However, the "present" doesn't come free of charge — it carries a $750 administrative fee, which councillors are hoping they can toss out with the gift wrap.

Reeve Jock Mavor said the municipality is interested in taking over the site, but "balk(s) very solidly" at having to pay a administrative charge, especially considering the financial benefit Ottawa realized when it opened up Crown land surrounding the lake and sold it as more than 200 cottage lots.

In a letter to the municipality, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans says that if Stanhope doesn't want the public boat launch, it would then be offered to local community groups. If no group were interested in it, the site would be sold through public tender.

"We certainly can't have it falling into private hands. That would be devastating," said Mavor.

"A private owner could cut off access to all those properties" agreed clerk-administrator Gerald Bain.

Council intends to send Ottawa a letter saying it will accept the launch provided that the $750 fee is dropped and the site is upgraded to a condition satisfactory to the municipality.

Bain speculated it will only be matter of time before the boat launch at Little Hawk Lake is also transferred to the municipality.

Currently, the launch is partially owned by the province and the federal government. The province is going through the process of transferring it to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Once the transfer is complete, the federal government will no doubt add Little Hawk to the list of 800 similar wharves and launches it's getting rid of across the country.

Cameron Lake lots

Councillors passed a bylaw restricting the use of three lots on Cameron Lake for seasonal properties only.

Last summer many area property owners objected to the creation of the lots, concerned that the lake is already too busy.

As a concession, the estate of Jean Middleton, agreed to have the lots zoned in a way that permits construction of seasonal residences, but doesn't allow permanent homes.

At Wednesday's public meeting, one cottager expressed concern over the new lots.

Peter Trabka, whose parents have owned a cottage on the lake for more than 40 years, maintained Cameron Lake is overcrowded as it is and additional properties would only make the situation worse.

However, Reeve Mavor said neither the Ministry of the Environment nor the Ministry of Natural Resources felt the three lots would have a detrimental impact on the lake.

He noted the lots — two nearly an acre in size and one more than an acre — are nearly double the municipality's minimum lot size requirement.

Strategic plan

Councillors supported the initiatives of the Haliburton County Strategic Planning Committee, which is trying to put together a framework to guide the county's growth and development.

"I think it's essential that this doesn't die" as have previous attempts to create a strategic plan, said Reeve Jock Mavor.

For the county to have a strong year-round economy, it needs to expand its light industry base, Mavor said.

A strategic plan can lay out how the county should create the necessary infrastructure for those types of businesses.

Minden and Haliburton are the logical choices as bases for industrial development since they have more services. But other municipalities should consider contributing to the industrial parks since they will all benefit by improving the area's economy, said Mavor.

Mavor noted there are many other components of the area's growth that would be included in a strategic plan.

All councillors said they would attend a public meeting on the plan on July 24 from 1 p.m.. to 4:30 p.m., at the Haliburton Legion.

PORCH WITH A VIEW: Wanting a good look at the massed bands marching down Haliburton's main street during Saturday's Highland Games, the "Fearrey sisters" – Gladys Gliddon, Dorothy Pritchard and Lenita Ledingham – and their families gathered on the porch of the Echo office. They were amazed at how clear the Games looked through binoculars and promised they'd return for the Haliburton Rotary Parade on August 6.

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THE MAIN EVENT: Harry MacDonald takes first place during the heavy weights competition beating out four other powerful athletes.

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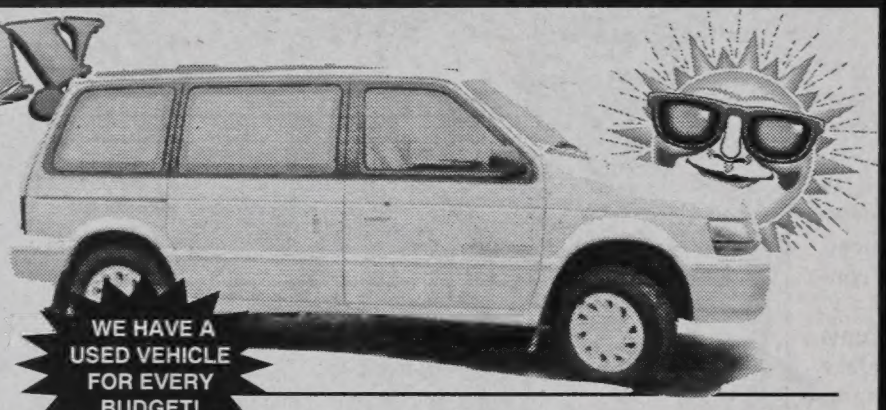

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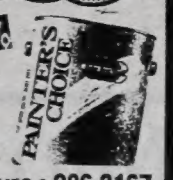

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Editorial

Being prepared for future shock

ALTHOUGH MICHAEL MICHALSKI is commenting about a particular lake's capacity for development in our lead story, his advice should be carefully read by everyone who owns lakeshore property. By looking into the future of Drag Lake, he is also able to make predictions about the challenges about to face almost every lake in the Highlands.

Given that the Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources are no longer giving comments on development, and many of the old rules are falling by the wayside, municipalities are supposed to fall back on their own resources to make decisions. Few municipalities have the same resources as the provincial ministries, however, and the risk is great that bad decisions will be made. When a bad decision is made on a lake, the consequences can be serious and long-lasting.

Michalski is telling municipalities that they have to be prepared for these new planning responsibilities. He's also warning them that in two or three years, those responsibilities will become even more onerous. Developers, who can now be dissuaded from creating too many lots on a lake because of water capacity studies, such as the one Michalski prepared for Drag Lake, will soon be able to counter those studies by arguing that with innovations in septic system designs, development will not adversely affect lake quality. They'll concentrate on the removal of one environmental hazard while overlooking all kinds of other factors which can infringe on people's enjoyment of their lakeshore property.

'When a bad decision is made on a lake, the consequences can be serious and long-lasting.'

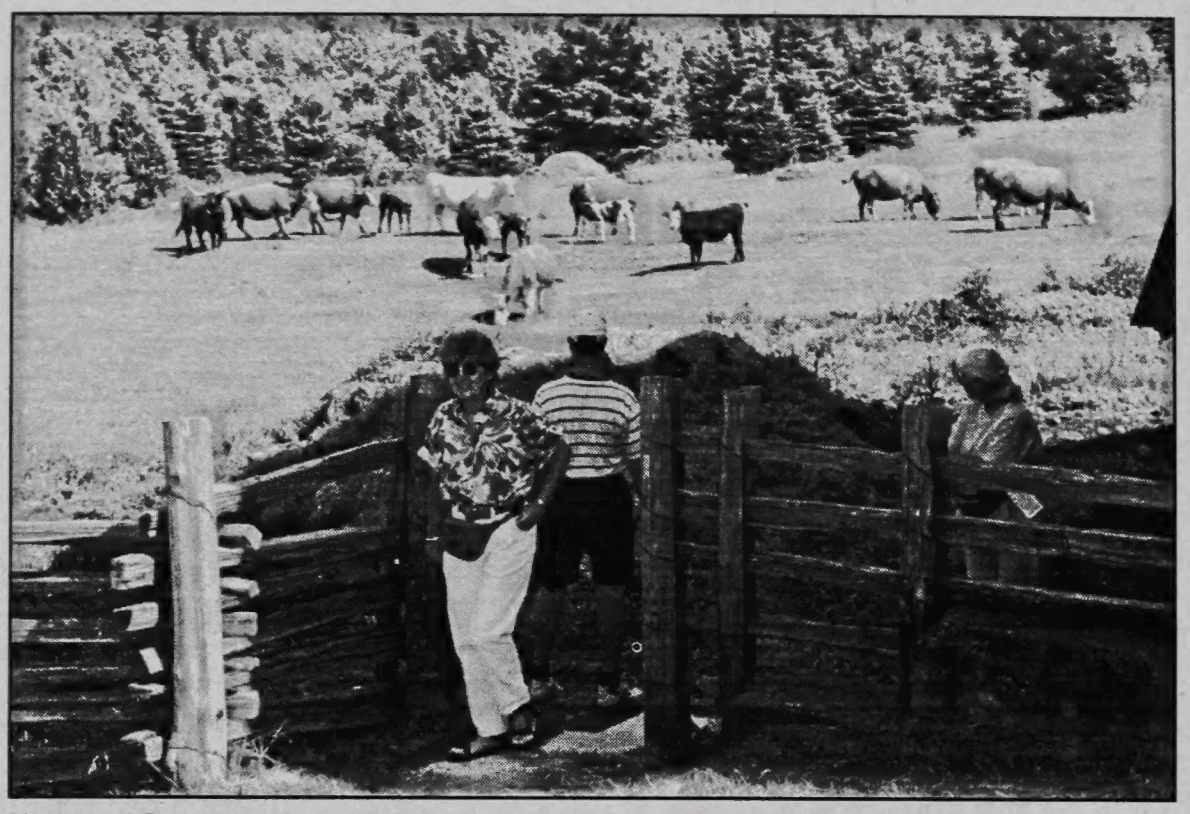
To prevent this from happening, Michalski is encouraging lake associations and local governments to look at more than just phosporous loading when determining when enough is enough of lakeshore development. What's the shoreline like, are there wetlands or important fisheries, is the soil good? (Many others would also like to have a qualitative response which includes a lake's aesthetic appeal and how many boats can share the same water space...) By preparing this data early and incorporating it in zoning by-laws and official plans, municipalities can, it's hoped, reduce the number of trips to the Ontario Municipal Board whenever there's conflict. Besides that, it's simply better for everyone to have healthy lakes.

Now, there is a danger people will say "yeah, yeah, we've heard this before." How many times over the past year have we quoted people saying "change is coming and it's coming in a big way so you'd better be prepared"? Every time we say it, people look around and don't see many of those changes. But it's not because the world is full of Chicken Littles saying the sky is falling just because a few clouds have gathered. It's just that turning a government's policy direction is like turning a ship; it's large and cumbersome and while it might need a wide berth, watch out when it finally steams in your direction. The changes being introduced now may take years to notice on a large scale, but Michalski and others aren't simply being naysayers.

It's too late to complain once the damage has been done. That damage can and should be prevented and while it's not easy suggesting things which cost money in these days of dwindling budgets, it will be "penny wise and pound foolish" once we have to start paying for mistakes to be fixed.

God isn't creating more lakes, so it's up to us to protect the ones we've got.

M.P.



Home and Garden touring at "Old Ball Farm" by MARTHA PERKINS

Letters to the Editor

Well-read wildlife abounds in the Highlands

To the Editor:

Is the wildlife of Haliburton County becoming more literate?

We have been intrigued by two wildlife viewings this year. First, during the recent federal election campaign, one of us put up a sign on our waterfront, ostensibly to catch the attention of passing boaters. But within 10 minutes of its installation, a turkey vulture was spiralling down towards it while two others were wandering around on the ground close by. Was the diving vulture attracted by the orange colour or could it read the names on the sign?

Then, only last Sunday, we were driving along Hwy. 118 near St. Peter's Road when a slow moving car ahead drew our attention to a bushy-tailed fox trotting on the roadside with what looked like the Toronto Sunday Star, complete in its blue plastic cover, in its mouth!

Of course, there are other questions raised by these viewings – for instance, which of the other political parties could be hiring turkey vultures to survey constituents? Or, do foxes read only the Sunday newspapers?

Peter and Margaret Brogden,
Maple Lake

County councillors have thankless job

To the Editor:

It's interesting to read in *The Echo* that county councillors consider themselves "elected leaders". Anyone with half a brain knows that all we municipal politicians are sheep who do exactly what Queen's Park tells us to do. As for being elected, county council is such a thankless job that most reeves and deputies are there by acclamation – nobody else wants the job.

Premier Mike Harris and his boys are downloading so much onto middle class taxpayers that soon we can forget about all levels of government except our so-called "civil" servants and the oligarchy that is Mike's Cabinet. If only (former premier) Bill Davis could be persuaded to lead the PCs again Ontario would be like Valhalla.

Completely aside from political nonsense, please congratulate your feature writer for spelling "Moore's Falls" correctly. Even the M.O.T. calls it "Moore" which is wrong – (picky picky).

Thanks for great coverage.

Bill Valentine,
Lutterworth

30-hour famine participants helped disadvantaged kids

To the Editor:

Thanks to the commitment of young people from Haliburton and area, families in Senegal will soon have clean water, in Uganda the World Vision's Trauma Centre will provide children of war with clothes, shelter, food and counselling, and in Thailand young girls will be given education and training so they can be spared a life of prostitution. Those efforts are all being funded because young people from your community raised $2,520 in the 1997 World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

Participants consumed only clear fluids for 30 hours while raising money to support World Vision's relief and development programs. Thus far, Canadian young people have raised $1.5 million in this year's Famine.

These young people can hold their heads high because their efforts have helped shape a brighter future for the world's children. On behalf of World Vision Canada and the children who will benefit from their caring, I say "Thank you Haliburton and area."

Dave Toycen,
President,
World Vision Canada

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Confessions of a pink thumb

ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

IT HAPPENS EVERY year. I watch with eager anticipation as the snow melts and the warmth of the sun helps to stimulate growth of the spirit and the landscape. I watch for the first spring birds and signs that lush green will rise out of the brown and grey scraggy mess that is my lawn. I watch as people of all ages and walks of life rush to the garden centers hardly able to contain the excitement that bubbles up from inside them. I am an outsider looking in or in this case an insider looking out. I am a thumbless sole who is at this time of year a social outcast for I feel I am alone. I am not a gardener.

I have long felt that although I must have some strengths, there are many things at which I fail miserably. Housework is one but I have come to grips with that. Gardening is another and I am just now reconciling myself to this. I love the look of a beautiful garden whether it is flowers, or vegetables, or both. There is nothing quite like a carpet of green dotted with a rainbow of colours to set my senses reeling. But alas, I am meant only to gaze in wonder at these glorious gardens as I am completely and utterly hopeless in this area and am almost content in my ignorance. I have friends who love to garden with a passion. My mother-in-law goes to sleep clutching seed catalogues from October to March. I even know people who love to garden so much, they have decided to make it their life's work. My bug hat is off to all of them but I'm afraid it is not for me.

I used to try to disguise my lack of passion for playing in the dirt. I would buy my soil and seeds, pretending I knew what I was trying to accomplish. I would don bug gear and run out to my pots and plots with trowel in hand. Some people actually enjoy this portion of the exercise and lovingly place their seedlings in a pre-mapped destination. I would explode from the door with the speed of Donovan Bailey to throw things in the general direction of the dirt, hoping that they took root and I hadn't just buried more dollar bills. The rest involved constant loving tenderness for which I simply didn't have the patience. The weeding, the stroking, the watering. Please, don't I have children to fulfill this need?

In the last few years, I have gradually made less of a secret of my ineptidude. I have ceased trying to fill every container and go with my standby hanging baskets of impatience. My efforts at vegetables came to an abrupt end when my husband laughed out loud and my efforts to construct a bean teepee.

Yes, this year I have chosen to endure the pitied stares of my gardening fanatical friends when I say I don't enjoy gardening. I am overcoming those feelings of guilt as I walk by flats that silently cry out, "Plant us, Anne! Plant us!". I even went so far as to watch from inside my screen door as my dear mother-in-law and oldest daughter brought care packages of pots to my door. Not all slugs live in the garden.

If there are indeed other gardenophobes out there, take heart, for you are not alone. I feel we are a larger group that we know. Be comforted too, knowing that we have a blessedly short growing season and only have to endure the sneers until the frost comes.

Pic of the Past

Cedar Avenue in Haliburton village used to be called Hoxie street, since two Hoxie families lived there, including Vallance Hoxie, above, standing in his front yard. The residence in the background was the Snider's. Our thanks to the Jack Hoxie Collection at the Haliburton Museum for sharing the photo.

Going broke made easy

PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

WELL FOLKS, the summer season is upon us and plagues of tourists have descended once more, trying to prolong our useless existences by burdening us with the money needed to survive another winter. The stench of prosperity threatens to invade the sanctity of our towns and villages unless we act! So, hats off to those brave merchants who appear determined not to succumb to the temptations of making a livelihood! Their methods until now have remained a closely guarded secret, but in the interests of ridding Haliburton County once and for all of our obnoxious summer trade, I am for the first time revealing a few gems of wisdom buried in the dusty pages of the "Protocols of the Merchants of Dysart," a leather bound tome of unkown origin recently found under the floorboards of one of our shops. I will soon publish a synopsis of same in my manual "12 Steps to Bankruptcy". Look for it soon at your local retailer (if they're still in business).

Here are some highlights:

• Move locations at least once a year, preferably more often. Be sure to leave your old signs up back at your former premises. Give no indication of your new location. This will do much to annoy and discourage the loathesome shopper!

• Co-ordinate with fellow merchants and pick a time slot that hasn't been taken to ensure maximum confusion and inconvenience for store closure days. Fridays would be an ideal day for the dedicated retailer to relax at home and avoid the heavy downtown traffic.

• Close early. Open whenever. Get accursed customers used to the fact that you are there at your convenience, not theirs. But, let them find out the hard way: it goes without saying that under no circumstances should store hours be posted (unless, of course, they are incorrect, which would be a Machiavellian merchandising masterstroke indeed!)

• Never use an "Open/Closed" sign. Require the enemy to park the car, preferably at the other end of town , walk to the store, shake the door a few times before they clue in, and then make the long trek back. This exercise in futility can be especially rewarding if you position yourself in a darkened area of the store, the better to watch the expressions of consternation on their faces as they try that locked door knob. Better yet, show yourself through the window, gloat, express your contempt at their pathetic attempts to gain access to your premises!

• As a corollary to the above, be sure to park in front of your store, especially if you are on the main street. Force your employees to do likewise. Municipal parking is for sissies. Full speed ahead and damn the parking tickets!

• No refunds, no exchanges should be your policy! It should also be your secret, with no give-away signs or posters to alert the crafty shopper. Force them to make that long tiring trip back into town only to be rejected in a face-to-face encounter with you, their tormentor. (It is always more satisfying to meet your customers personally before you abuse and humiliate them!)

Follow the above instructions faithfully, and before you can say "Belly Up" pestiferous tourists, and hopefully even locals (a year round annoyance even harder to eliminate), will no longer darken your doorway. You will be left in peace to plan your new future. With your new-found expertise you may consider becoming a consultant to those less fortunates still in business. Good luck!

Strategic Plan gives residents chance to 'make things happen'

by TAMARA WILBEE
Guest Columnist

People make things happen. This is what County Council and its Strategic Planning Committee is counting on!

The provincial and federal governments are redefining their roles in managing our economy and our society. It's not simply a question of dollars, it's also because they realize there is one essential ingredient to initiating and managing change that they cannot control -- people! People make the difference, people can initiate new projects and identify new directions, but most of all, people can get involved in directly implementing change.

On July 24, 1997 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - Haliburton Branch, citizens of Haliburton County are invited to help make it happen. You will participate in assessing the current situation, shaping a vision and laying out the key directions for action.

Your ideas concerning orientations for change and potential actions are critical to County council and all other organizations that are working towards the betterment of the County. Further to this, you will learn how you might contribute on an on-going basis. (There will be a follow up session in August specifically devoted to specific sets of actions).

If you require further information or to let us know that you will be attending the session, please call Tamara Wilbee at the County office (705) 286–1333. You are most welcome, even if you do not call ahead, but a quick call will help us make arrangements for appropriate seating and refreshments.

Dangerous driver put safety of boaters at risk

by MARY HINCKS
Lake Kashagawigamog

There are many lakes and rivers in Haliburton County. So, there should be enough room for everyone. Right?

Well, sometimes it doesn't seem that way ... especially on the major lake chains such as the Kashagawigamog/Soyers/Grass/Canning.

With the number of lake associations in our county with goals including lake water quality and water safety and resulting boating safety programs, you'd think that through education, boaters would be familiar with the laws and have consideration for other boaters, be aware of the damage to our shorelines caused by speeding boats and the wake they produce; and realize that everyone who operates a boat is responsible for operating it in a safe and competent manner. Right?

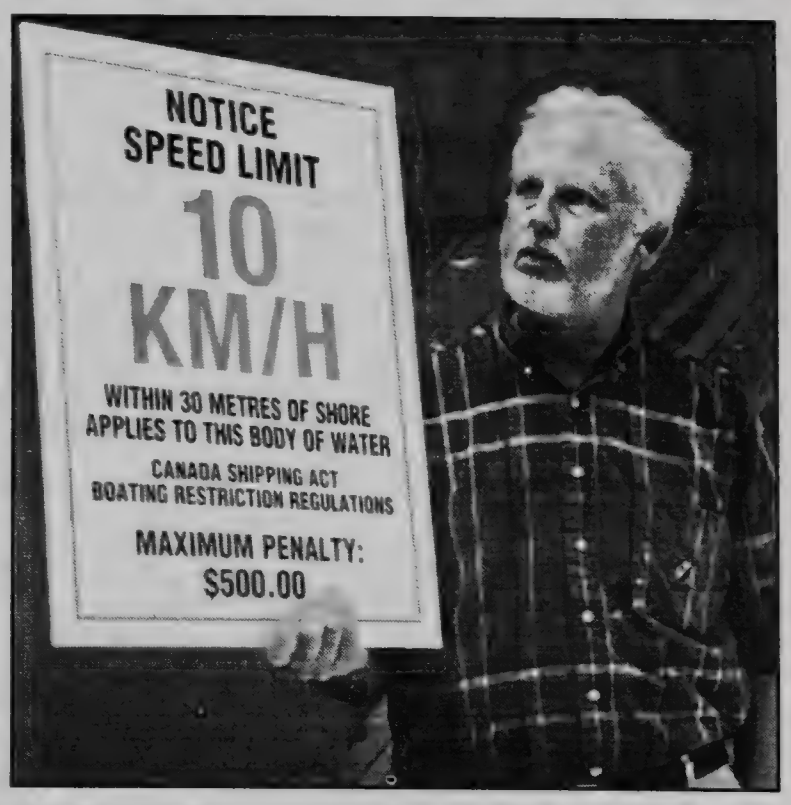
What has initiated this observation and obvious concern? Let me describe the happenings on Saturday, June 28th:

After a leisurely "Strawberry Supper" at our local church, we invited four friends to join us on our 20' pontoon boat for a sunset cruise on Kashagawigamog through the narrows and into Canning Lake. We slowed down as we approached the bridge and the narrows guided by lake markers, we found ourselves In a narrow channel marked appropriately with boat speed signs of 10km per hour. As we were exiting the narrows, we first heard an incredibly loud engine noise and then saw a snowmobile (yes ... a snowmobile!) trying to make a run from shore onto the lake. On the first attempt that we witnessed, the snowmobile made it to about 10 ft. into the lake and then submerged. With the aid of a few men, the snowmobile was retrieved and the attempt to launch was repeated, as close to 20-25 people on shore, glasses in hand, cheered the snowmobile rider, on.

With incredible noise and speed, the snowmobile was launched and proceeded to roar past the front of our boat, causing us to come almost to a complete stop, and then circled not only our pontoon boat, but also a second, smaller pontoon boat and a runabout motorboat. This circling was repeated two to three times and we were trapped in the centre of the circle and somewhat nervous about attempting to resume our course.

On the last circling, the snowmobile appeared to be on a path heading directly for our boat. Nervous? We felt like "sitting ducks" as the snowmobile roared towards us. About 10-15 ft. away from our boat, the snowmobile swerved and in doing so, came within 10 ft. of the back of our boat sending up a spray of water which narrowly missed dousing us all. (We learned later that this snowmobile was powered by hydrogen gas.) Had we been in a canoe or even a smaller boat, we would have been swamped and overturned or worse...

This whole experience prompted me to report the incident to the O.P.P. After several calls, we finally made contact with the Minden office and supplied the Constable with details including the lot number on Canning Lake from where the snowmobile was launched. I must give the O.P.P. credit for investigating the origin of the snowmobile quickly but the end results were less than satisfactory. The Constable visited the property, ascertained that, in fact, a snowmobile was launched and the name of the person driving it. When neighbours were questioned about the incident, the Constable was told that they never saw a pontoon boat in the vicinity (let alone, two pontoon boats!) and the driver was apologetic that he had intimidated us and explained that he was only giving a demonstration to cottagers and it would never happen again. End of story? I don't think so.



SLOW DOWN: John Hincks, president of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization, shows members one of the signs the organization bought to remind boaters of the proper speed limit through the narrows into Canning Lake.

We have been told at lake association meetings by guest speakers from the O.P.P. that if we saw reckless boating or boats exceeding the 30 metre from shore speed limit, we should attempt to find out from what property the boat originated and report the incident to the O.P.P. and that the O.P.P. would enforce the laws regarding watercraft. This did not happen.

In our opinion, several options were open to the O.P.P. This snowmobile was:

1. Exceeding the speed limit of 10 km within 30 metres of shore
2. If registered as a land vehicle, the snowmobile was illegal on water.
3. If registered as a water vehicle, then it should have followed the rules for all watercraft under 5.5 m in length; minimum required equipment, speed limits, etc. Was it registered at all?
4. Was not operating the snowmobile in a safe and competent manner with regards to the safety of other boats in the vicinity.
5. Driving dangerously and this is a federal offence, plus
6. The O.P.P. had the opportunity to question several witnesses to the incident, whose names and telephone numbers were supplied, but failed to do so.

All of this is somewhat dis-

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What does it take to enforce boating laws?

FROM page 12

couraging and frustrating! If we have laws governing the operation of boats, whey are they not enforced? It doesn't take too long for reckless boaters to learn that whatever their boating behaviour is, nothing will be done. I realize the O.P.P. are understaffed and overworked; that the Kashagawigamog Lake chain might be lucky to see an O.P.P. marine boat out on the lake once or twice between June and October; I realize they can't be everywhere!

I called the Canadian Coast Guard and asked for their definition of a personal watercraft. They didn't have one. I was told that if the machine is registered as a "watercraft" then the general rules for boating safety, equipment, etc. would apply. Despite the fact that PWCs have been around for almost seven years, we do not have a definition nor do we have laws pertaining to their operation. There are "proposed" changes to small vessel regulations which may become law in 1998, but these changes and regulations "pale" in comparison to the United States' Personal Watercraft Safety Act".

This "Act" requires the use of approved Personal Flotation Devices for all operators; requires lanyard-type engine cut-off switches that must be attached to the operator, prohibits operation of PWC from one half-hour before sunset to one half-hour after sunrise; stipulates operating PWC in a "reasonable and prudent manner", and forbids "Maneuvers which unreasonably or unnecessarily endanger life, limb, or property, including, but not limited to, weaving through congested vessel traffic, jumping the wake of another vessel unreasonably or unnecessarily close to such other vessel or when visibility around such other vessel is obstructed and swerving at the last moment to avoid collision." (Taken from: "Cruising World" – May 1997, page 22). It sets a minimum operator age of 16 years and forbids owners from allowing under-age persons to operate their PWC. Missing from this Act are specific speed limit and education requirements. But .. at least, it's a start. Why must Canada lag so far behind?

"The proliferation of PWC, coupled with their frequently careless operation, has caused problems that have spurred endless debate in the cruising community about constitutional rights, operator licensing, how far to go with regulation, and what really constitutes a 'boat' says L.M. Childress in the May '97 issue of "Cruising World".

Under the proposed changes to the Canadian regulations, a personal watercraft is defined for the first time in Canadian law as: "an enclosed hull water jet driven vessel with a maximum length of 4m with no cockpit and is designed to be used by a maximum of three people while straddling, sitting, standing or kneeling." ("Your safety comes first" – Fisheries and Oceans, Canada, Coast Guard).

A PWC will be expected to carry all required safety equipment for boats up to 6 meters in length but will have the option of carrying alternate equipment if specific conditions are followed. (Are you still with me?)

Not all boat operators operate their boat or PWC in a reckless manner. In fact, there are many law-abiding, considerate and conscientious operators on our waterways. Unfortunately, it's the few that spoil it for the majority. But, there in Haliburton, it's very difficult for a conscientious boat operator to obtain a copy of boating regulations. I know; I tried.

First, I went to the O.P.P. Minden office (it was Monday, June 30th) but it was locked up tight and no one in sight; no hours posted.

Secondly, I went to "The Chamber of Commerce" but they could not offer me anything regarding boating regulations or safety on the water. They suggest I try the local "bait shop" or visit the MNR I thought to myself, by now most conscientious people would be saying "The heck with this!" but, I persevered and went to the MNR office.

Because I could not see anything current or relevant to boating regulations on display, I made a request at the front desk. The lady looked through the shelves and then disappeared into an inner office. A few minutes later, a gentleman asked if he could help me and so I repeated what I was looking for and for a short while, he, too disappeared into an inner office. To my amazement, he later presented me with a "Safe Boating Guide" (revised in 1995) plus "Proposed Changes to small vessel regulations". The latter, a booklet of 14 pages, actually had one full page which addressed PWC operation. Mind you, they are still only proposals but, I finally had something fairly current on boating safety. It was not made easy and I wondered how many people would actually go through the hunt.

I am not the least bit interested in owning or operating a PWC but I recognize the fact that people have different tastes and I know that PWC are here to stay. Therefore, I have read everything I can get my hands on regarding this topic. The most interesting article was written by Max Burns for "Cottage Life" (July/August 1990 - page 28) and I thoroughly enjoyed the section of his article titled "Problems & Solutions" on page 31.

Bottom line ... Ontario's navigable waters may be used by all of us and if regulations for safe boating are made into laws and these laws are enforced (I'm not sure how that will happen), and if common sense, responsibility and consideration for others prevails ... we just might be able to get along with each other. Regulations that will allow boaters and PWC riders alike to enjoy their time on the water are needed soon, to avoid accidents and injuries.

Yes, I do remember when the sounds on the lake were of children swimming, oar locks creaking, the swish of a paddle, the sails flapping in the wind, and of course, the cries of the loon. Many of these sounds have been drowned out by the high-tech machines and the increasing demand for speed and power. I know time marches on and we can't replace today with yesterdays. Personal water craft are the fastest-growing segment of the recreational boating industry, in this decade. As with other types of recreational craft, PWC's must be operated in a responsible and safe manner and with consideration for other users of the shoreline and waterways.

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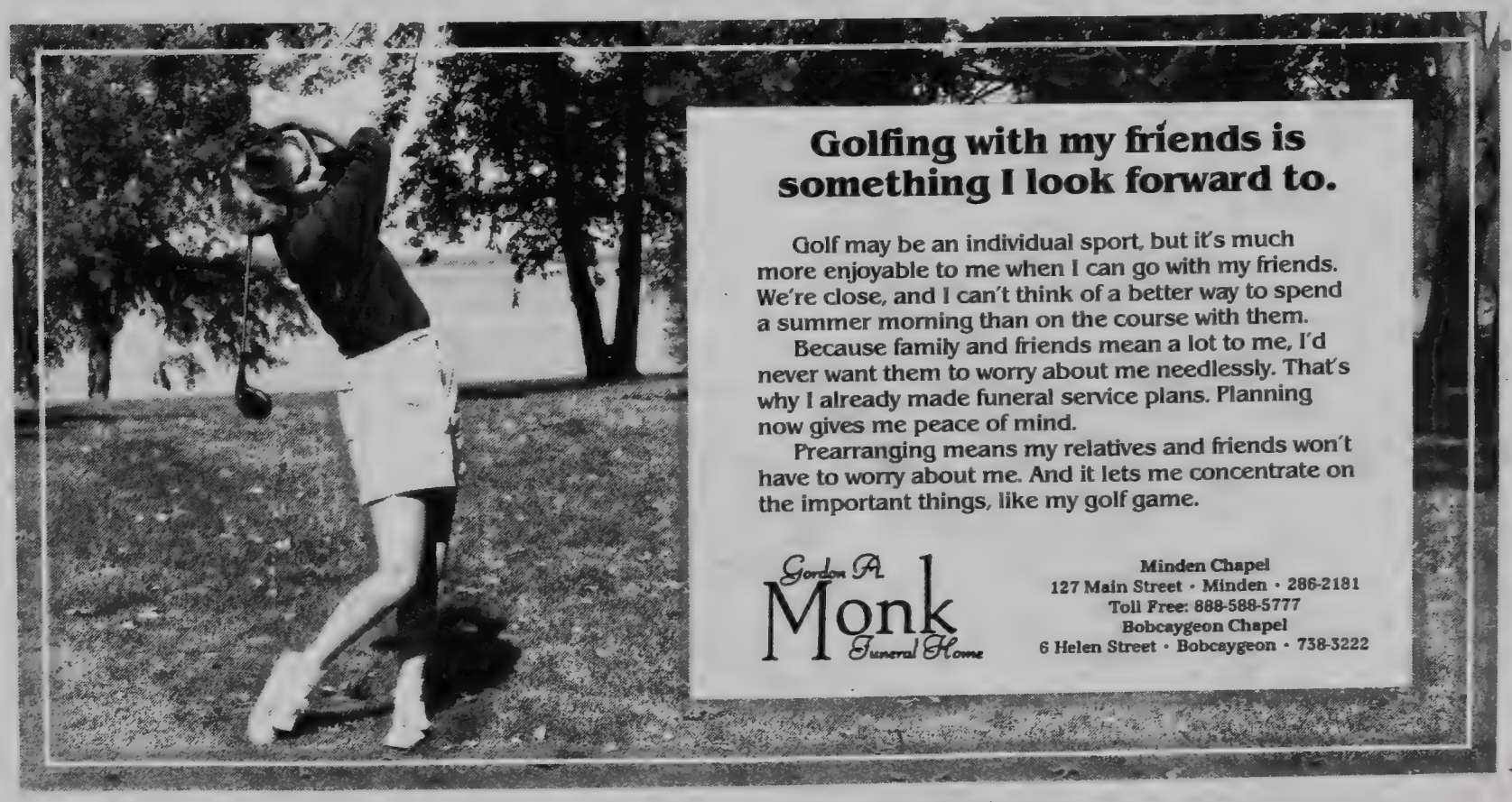

BATMAN: Orioles umpire Brian Mulholland and catcher Ryan Anderson didn't have a chance at the ball after this Little Brittain batter made a hit as his coach, Doug Plaunt, looks on.

Blairhampton narrows down pairings for golf tournament

Following six weeks of intense qualifying, the pairings have been selected for Blairhampton Gold Club's annual club championship. Nearly 50 of Haliburton County's finest golfers competed for 32 positions in the non handicap, match play event.

Eldon Bull led all qualifiers with a 4 under par 68, with former Blairhampton champion Ken Rosenberg a close second at 69.

The eventual winner will have to win five straight 18 hole matches in order to claim the title. The final two will square off in early September during Championship Day at Blairhampton.

The following is a list of the 1st round matches to be completed by July 15th.

Eldon Bull (68) vs Paul Longo (76); Ken Rosenberg (69) vs Tom Ecclestone (76); Dave Bunker (70) vs Doug Allison (77); Doug Prozak (71) vs Earl Dawson (77); Jason Murphy (71) vs Scotty LaRue (77); Blaine Kelly (72) vs Matt Kelly (78); Hugh Nichol (73) vs Andrew Smyth (78); Graham Card (73) vs Dave Willis (78); Rick Bain (73) vs Harry Hunting (78); Leigh Bull (74) vs Ron Yake (78); Bob Nichol (74) vs Bob McDougall (79); Phil Jung (75) vs Peter VanLeeuwen (79); Alex Smyth (76) vs Harris Steele (80); Kyle Paolini (76) vs Curtis Bain (81); Mike Moore (76) vs Roger Bain (81); and Jeff Bloomfield (76) vs Denis Sexton (81).

Haliburton Minor Baseball League

American League	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Yankees (Haliburton Lumber)	3	1	1	.600	-
Red Sox (Kennisis Lake Marina)	2	2	0	.500	1
Blue Jays (Emmerson Lumber)	1	3	1	.200	2

Results of July 11 Yankees, 17, Blue Jays, 2

National League	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Cardinals (Village Donuts)	6	0	0	1,000	-
Rockies (Rodco Enterprise)	4	2	0	.666	2
Royals	1	4	1	.166	4.5
Orioles (McKeck's Place)	0	5	1	.000	5.5

Results of July 8 Rained out.

Canadian League	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Brewers (Home Hardware)	5	2	1	.625	-
Phillies (G.J. Burtch Construction)	4	4	0	.500	1.5
Pirates (Easton's valu-mart)	4	4	0	.500	1.5
Marlins (Curry Motors)	2	5	1	.250	3

Results of July 9 Pirates, 9, Phillies, 4 Brewers, 6, Marlins, 1

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Derbies to net fish for genetic tests

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Participants in three upcoming fish derbies might not be able to take home their catch for dinner, but they will help to ensure there are plenty of fish in Highlands lakes for future meals.

The Haliburton County Outdoors Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, is holding three fishing derbies in the next four weeks as part of a scientific research program designed to test the genetics of area lakes.

The first derby begins at noon on the weekend of July 19 and 20 at Kennisis Lake. The second will be held on the weekend of July 26 and 27 at Hall's Lake, Little Hawk Lake and Big Hawk Lake. And on Aug. 9 and 10, the derby will either continue on these lakes or be held at Gull Lake and Boshkung Lake.

"The MNR is going to issue a scientific collector's permit to the (Outdoors Association) for those specific dates and on specific lakes so they can collect enough samples to send the fish for health and genetic testing," said Dave Johnson of the MNR.

To statistically have a decent cross section of fish from a lake, the Outdoors Association requires a minimum of 20 fish which will be put into a cooler full of ice and sent to Guelph University for testing to ensure they don't have any diseases. A section of each fish will then be sent to an MNR lab in Peterborough for genetic testing.

These specific dates have been chosen because the club had to book the laboratory in Guelph ahead of time.

"Any fish that is caught has to be tested within 48 hours, so the theory behind this is that we start at noon on the Saturday and Monday morning someone will drive the fish to Guelph," says Larry Hewitt of the Outdoors Association.

The fish will only be accepted in they are within the slot size, between 16 and 22 inches, and they cannot be clipped fish that were stocked in these lakes in the past.

Normally, anglers are not allowed to take more than two fish from these lakes, but those who are taking part in the project will be allowed to catch more if they can.

"But they have to be natural fish and they have to be taken legally. As long as the boat has been identified, they'll be able to take more than the two fish," Hewitt said.

The Outdoors Association's goal is to increase fishing opportunities in the county, and it wants to do this by following on the heels of the MNR's fish stocking program. The club is leasing Murray Kuno's fish hatchery on County Road 1 and is getting ready for the Ministry to give them 25,000 rainbow trout from the White Lake Hatchery.

FISH TANKS: The Haliburton County Outdoors Association will use these tanks to raise 10,000 lake trout fingerlings.

'REEL' HELP: Anglers like these two on Head Lake will have a chance to help the MNR and the Haliburton County Outdoors Association collect fish for genetic testing during three upcoming derbies.

These three-month-old fish will be kept in the rearing tanks until October or November when they will be transferred to rearing ponds on the property. Then the MNR will give the club an additional 10,000 lake trout fingerlings from the North Bay Hatchery to raise in the tanks until the spring when all the fish will be stocked into local waters.

"If all 25,000 survive, that's more than enough to supply the needs of Haliburton County," Hewitt said about the rainbow trout. "Any excess will be distributed to the west side of Bancroft or the east side of the Parry Sound district, or if somebody has got a suggestion where else in the county they can be placed, it all has to be approved by the MNR.

"The naturally reproducing lakes have over the years adapted to specific conditions in the lake, so if you introduce something that's not used to those specific conditions they don't normally do as well," Johnson said. "So the lake trout from the North Bay Hatchery and the rainbow trout (from White Lake Hatchery) go into put-grow-and-take lakes where there isn't natural reproduction."

A few years ago, the Outdoors Association had volunteers dump certain sized rocks off a barge into Kennisis Lake to try to enhance spawning shoals. The club would eventually like to collect eggs and sperm from Kennisis and other local lakes with strong shoal response.

These fish would be raised at the club's hatchery and returned to these same lakes in the spring so as not to interfere with the genetics of the lakes once they know what these genetics are. This project increases the reproduction and survival rate of these fish to sustain angling opportunities in the county.

"Hopefully this fall we will get approval from the MNR to go out to our own lakes and take eggs and sperm, bring them back to the hatchery and go through the process of raising our own fish," Hewitt said.

Once the club knows the genetics of some of these lakes, it will also be easier to stock genetically similar lakes with one group of compatible fish instead of having to stock the lakes individually. But these lakes have never been tested before and it remains to be seen whether any matches will be found.

The project is dependent on the hatchery having enough cold water. Kuno's hatchery has already successfully produced fish that were released, but his rearing pond became too hot in the summer.

Volunteers will pump cold water from the outdoor springs into the building through to the tanks. From the tanks, the water is discharged into the rearing pond to keep it cool even in the summer.

Lake trout survives best in cold water between 10° C to 12° C, so they will be kept in the rearing tanks inside the building. Rainbow trout are not as sensitive to a slight rise in temperature as lake trout, so they should survive in the rearing ponds which are still likely to warm up a certain amount despite having cold water from the building pumped into them.

The fish will be netted out of the pond next spring and distributed to area lakes for stocking.

Heidi Williams, who previously worked with the Minden MNR as a fish and wildlife technologist, is working for the Outdoors Association this summer collecting information for the MNR.

She'll be conducting water quality tests at Kuno's property to not only make sure this water is the right temperature, but that there is enough water flowing during the dry time of the year.

She said the hatchery is getting about 30 gallons per minute from two wells to support the 25,000 rainbow trout; the minimum requirement is 25 gallons.

The Outdoors Association is planning to build a second building with more tanks to house additional fish, so they will eventually need to acquire more water volume to support both buildings.

Once the Outdoors Association gets the lake trout up and running, they're going to try the same project using walleye. Raising eggs is one thing, but the walleye turn on themselves once they become a certain size. "We want to master one before we get involved with the other," Hewitt said.

The MNR is already planning on giving the Outdoors Association 25,000 rainbow trout again next year, so this is an ongoing project that requires a lot of volunteer help.

"It's a big job that they're undertaking, but it's certainly going to benefit local fisheries, and there are spin-off economic effects (such as) increased tourism. So the more volunteers they get from cottage associations and their existing membership, the better," Johnson said.

The MNR already has three fish from Kennisis Lake that were genetically tested for a previous project, but there is a long way to go. Any anglers interested in participating in any of the fishing derbies is asked to contact Heidi Williams at 286-6759 or Larry Hewitt in the evenings at 754-1162.

Each boat taking part in the project must be identified ahead of time, and anglers taking part in the Kennisis Lake derby on July 19 and 20 should meet at Kennisis Lake Marine at noon to be identified as being part of this project.

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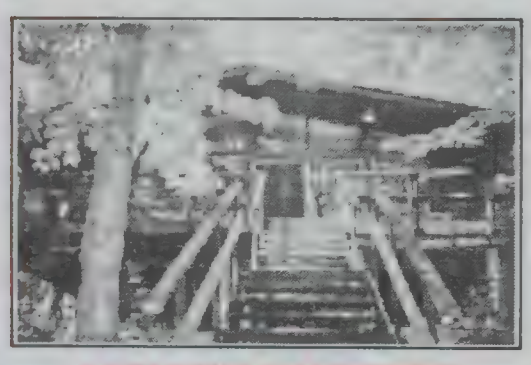

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A German Re-unification

It's been more than 50 years since Gisele Probst and Charlotte Rosino, who grew up together in Germany, have seen each other. It was amazing to discover they've often been within a half hour of one another in the Highlands

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

LONG AFTER the fall of the Berlin Wall, the aftermath of war kept two childhood friends from Germany separated from one another.

But until last week, they didn't realize that geography had long since been a barrier to their reunion.

For years, Charlotte Rosino and Gisele Probst may have passed each other on the street in Haliburton, stood in the same line at Gooderham Lucky Dollar, or driven down the Old Buckhorn Road at the same time. Their lives may have taken them in different directions after the war, but their shared love of forests and lake could have brought them back together a long time ago.

They find it so incredible that their search for one another has ended so close to home – or at the very least, at Mrs. Rosino's home on Salmon Lake south of Gooderham.

Mrs. Rosino and her husband, Heinz, retired to Salmon Lake in 1981, nine years after they had bought the forested property as a retreat from the busy streets of Toronto. From the wilderness, they cut enough room for their home, a place which has brought them much peace and happiness.

Mrs. Probst and her husband Klaus have been coming to the Highlands for years, first to visit their friends the Felthams on Kashagawigamog, and then for the past several years with their friends the Wilsons on Minniecock Lake. (Back in Brampton, Mrs. Probst had also spent many years volunteering with former *Echo* columnist Bob Guiliano, who was a prison chaplain at the time.) For the Probsts, Haliburton was also a peaceful retreat where they could indulge their love of nature and tranquillity.

Decades earlier, from 1938 to 1944, the two women had started and finished high school together in the town of Marburg, Germany.

In many ways, it was difficult being a teenager during the war.

"We had to do a lot without, things people would have taken for granted," says Mrs. Rosino, sitting in the mosquito-free kitchen of the Wilsons' cottage, two days after the two women were reunited for the first time since the late 1940s.

"We couldn't speak freely; we had to look over our shoulders," adds Mrs. Probst, sitting across from her. Then, like one half of a couple who has been together for many years, Mrs. Rosino continues the line of thought: "Anywhere where there is a strict political system, you have to keep your mouth shut. It was a very restrictive life – physically, psychologically and mentally."

But there is a natural exuberance and joy for life in a teenager's heart, and Mrs. Probst is quick to add "we still had a lot of fun."

"We liked boys and wanted to go to dances," Mrs. Rosino smiles.

The two teenagers lived close to one another and after school, they would often be at Gisele's. Her parents, the Trauts, were teachers at the high school and Charlotte loved them as her own family.

War and their emerging adulthood saw them both leave Marburg. Young people, who often live very much in the here and now, seldom realize that friendships tend to unravel if you don't try to keep them together. In their early twenties, dealing with their own aftereffects of the war and careers, they drifted apart and didn't think of sending each other a change of address.

When they married, keeping in touch became even more difficult because they now had different last names. The girls from their youths were gone; they were now women with new lives.

In 1953, Klaus Probst immigrated to Canada and Gisele followed in November of 1955. ("You follow someone you love. It's a decision you make very fast.") They settled in Downsview, eventually moving to Brampton in 1958.

Charlotte and Heinz married in 1955 and in March of that year, also took the boat to Canada. They first went to British Columbia, where Mr. Rosino got a job in the underground gold mine near Prince George. Worried for his health and wellbeing, his wife convinced him to take a drafting course in Toronto and they moved there in 1963.

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It's hard to make a surprise visit to someone with a postal box address

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Canada was a delight for all of them. After the rationing and destruction of war, Canada seemed like a land of plenty. "I went grocery shopping for the first time in 1955 and came out with two bags full of things I hadn't seen before, all for $9," says Mrs. Probst, with the same wonderment in her voice.

Meanwhile, from time to time, Mrs. Probst would wonder what had happened to her dear friend Charlotte and Mrs. Rosino what had happened to her dear friend Gisela.

In 1977, Mrs. Probst took her first trip back to Marburg after her stepmother died. Among the things she found was a picture of Charlotte and she brought back home with her. She then returned in 1990 and tried to find from memory Charlotte's house, but made a wrong turn and got lost.

Finally, more determined than ever, she again returned to Marburg in April of this year. This time, she made the right turn, and found herself standing in front of a familiar house, the "Bamberger" sign faded and barely discernible. As she wondered what to do next, a man appeared in an upstairs window. Was she looking for someone? She introduced herself as Gisele Traut and said she was looking for Charlotte. The man said he was her brother and asked her to wait a few minutes before he let her in. "He said 'I have to put a pair of pants on because I was just about to get into the bath.' I said 'Please do.' Just think – if he had been in the tub he wouldn't have looked out the window and seen me.'"

Fully dressed, the brother was pleased to welcome Mrs. Probst back into the house once owned by his parents. He explained that Charlotte was in Canada and wrote out her address, a postal box number and a village in Ontario. "When he wrote down Gooderham, I nearly fell flat down. My God – unbelievable!"

Of course she knew where Gooderham was – it was only 20 minutes away from the Wilsons' cottage on Minniecock.

Mrs. Probst wanted the reunion to be in person, not over the phone, and having waited for five decades, was willing to wait until she and Klaus came up to the Wilsons for a visit last week.

The problem with having a postal address that's a box number is that people don't live in the boxes. Mrs. Probst and Barbara Wright began roaming the roads around Gooderham, looking for a sign that said Rosino. They got to know all the highs and lows of Koshlong Lake south in a thunder storm.

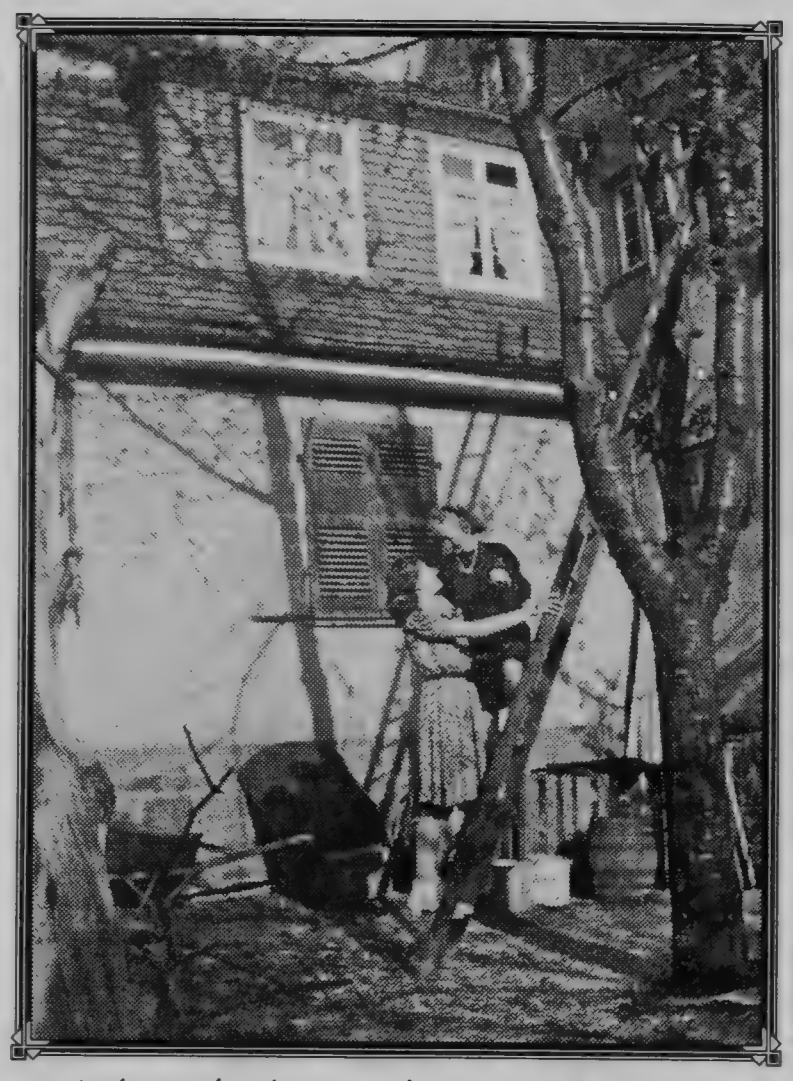
Frustrated and willing to capitulate, Mrs. Probst phoned one of the two numbers Charlotte's brother had given her. As fate would have it, it was the number of the Rosinos' friends in Irondale, the Achenbachs, who were willing to give Mrs. Probst directions to the Rosinos' about 20 minutes away from the Wilsons', while agreeing not to tell their friends about the visit they were about to have.

Last Monday night, just after 9 p.m., the Rosinos were relaxing on their porch with some friends when they saw a car come down the driveway. Who would be visiting at this hour?

As Mrs. Rosino recalls, "a tall, slim woman with lovely white hair got out. She said 'I am Gisela Traut' and I screamed. I nearly fell down the stairs."

"They couldn't see each other because they were hugging so much," says Mr. Rosino.

"It's not so much the memories (that are important), it's the person," says Mrs. Probst, who in the words of Mrs. Rosino, has not changed in mannerisms at all. She's still as exuberant – and persistent – as she was as a teenager. And Mrs. Rosino, despite experiencing some of the horrors of war, such as the bombing of Dresden, has also kept the smile that never fails to reach her eyes. "If you look death in the face and survive," she says, "you get joy out of life. You make the best of life because you know what it's like to have nothing."



Gisele & Charlotte at the Trauts' house, 1944

Many people call themselves friends after they meet for just one time, says Mr. Rosino. Looking at his wife and her childhood friend, he says "here you find what real friendship means."

And just what does it mean?

"Friendship is a total gift, without conditions," replies Mrs. Probst after a pause. "And no motivation – you give me this and I'll give you that," her friend adds. Mrs. Probst nods her head and says that with a true friend, "you can be yourself. I don't have inhibitions with a friend. Even if I did terrible things, the person would stick with me through thick and thin. You are you, and you're at home."

"There's something in you which never changes," observes Mr. Rosino. "That's where the essence of friendship is."

The years have fallen away as the two women have remembered all that was special about their youth together, and updated each other on the joys and sorrows of their lives since. You can be sure it won't be another 50 years before they see each other again.

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is holding public meetings to discuss any question you may have about the transfer of service that will take place on August 5, 1997. The meetings this week are

- Wednesday, July 16, 1:00pm, Lounge, Municipal Building, Wilberforce
- Thursday, July 17, 10:00am, Council Chambers, County Office, Minden
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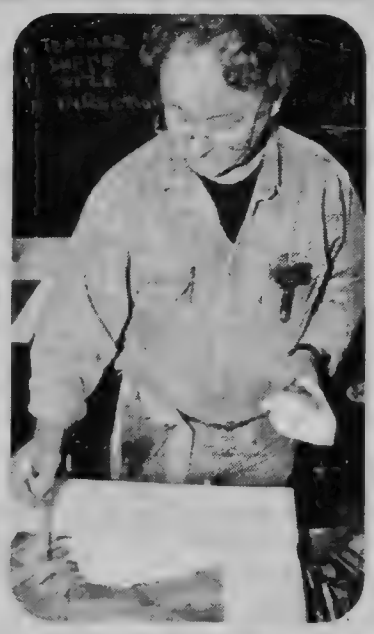

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CANADIAN SHIELD: Award-winning Jake Mol ventured northeast from his home in Aurora to share his love of the Canadian Shield landscape and other northern scenes with his students.

PAINTING WITH SUNLIGHT: Gale Stevens has only been creating stained glass pieces for a year, and is now in the process of completing a large decorative piece for a door in her home.

HUMMINGBIRDS IN HIS HANDS: Wiarton's Hal McGray does more than carve birds from a piece of wood, he studies their every move, sketches them to scale, carves each meticulous feather and reproduces the colorful plumage of the ruby throated wonder as well as other birds.

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Kashaga's water quality improves

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Saturday night's annual general meeting of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization at PineStone, with almost 100 people in attendance.

Water quality is on the way up as water clarity improves and the amount of phosphorous in the lake declines, reported lake steward Trevor Babbs.

"It's all getting better," he said of the results of his secchi disc readings and phosphorous testing by the Ministry of Environment.

Babbs has regularly taken secchi disc readings in various parts of the lake. He lowers the disc into the water and then records the depth at which it is no longer visible. The depth has been increasing, but he'd now like help from others in taking the readings since the Ministry now recommends it be done once a week.

The phosphorous levels are classed as "excellent", with declines noted in several areas of the chain. However, the Ministry is changing its program and will only test the samples once a year at no cost. For other tests, the association will have to pay a private company to do a more detailed analysis, at a cost of $50 a test. (A $10 test for phosphorous only is available, but Babbs suggests that other contaminants be tested for.) Three tests a year are advised. For this year alone, the MOE has agreed to do all three at no charge.

The MOE is also suggesting that the association do a survey of other things, such as how much of the shoreline has been kept natural and the colour – blue, green or brown – of the water.

Babbs told members what they could do to keep phosphorous levels low: keep their shoreline natural, since the plants absorb some of the phosphorous run-off from septic systems; use phosphate-free soap products; have their septic system cleaned every two years; and most importantly, do not fertilize lawns. Fertilizers are the major contributor to phosphorous loading.

There are other types of unwelcome lake inhabitants, such as purple loosestrife, which invade and take over wetlands, and eurasian millfoil. To protect against these, people are advised to clean their boats thoroughly when taking them from one body of water to another.

"We never used to have to worry about these things but now they're in the Great Lakes and coming into our lakes," he said.

At the end of his presentation, a woman noted "this association is so lucky to have someone like you (Babbs) who puts in all this effort." The applause echoed this sentiment.

Minden council

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon reported that progress is being made in restructuring talks within the county.

Contrary to media reports (of last week's Canning Lake meeting at which Snowdon Reeve George Simmons criticized the lack of leadership among county reeves and deputies), "we're always moving ahead and looking at several options."

She said restructuring is being "driven by the warden, (Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey), who is very aggressive and dynamic. He's been really good for us at a time when we need strong leadership."

One county initiative was the Barber Report, which looked at spending benchmarks for services. "We are extraordinarily below the average in terms of cost per household" across the province, she said, so "let's be a little rational about all of this. We're going to move as far as we can, as logically as we can, without degrading your services."

She invited everyone to take part in the county's strategic planning session at the Haliburton Legion on Thursday, July 24 starting at 1 p.m.

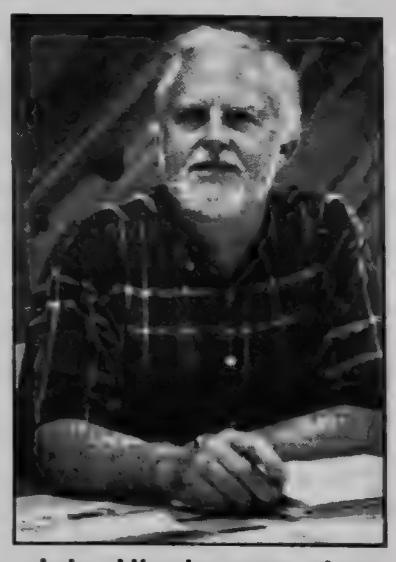
Dysart report

Because the Barber Report showed that Haliburton County is spending less per household than other counties, there's very little room to cut when it comes to further provincial downloading and grant reductions, Fearrey warned.

The county and its 10 municipalities have already absorbed $5-million in provincial cuts, "but when you're already lean and you take these hits, the only thing left is services."

Restructuring through amalgamation will only strengthen municipalities as they brace for the cuts, not reduce taxes, he warned.

He also warned some property owners should expect tax increases once Actual Value Assessment is introduced by the province. Those with new cottages will likely find they are already being assessed at AVA levels, but those with older cottages will likely be in for an unpleasant surprise at tax time. "I think they're assessing everything except the microwave," Fearrey said.



John Hincks agreed to be president

November elections

The earliest day most municipalities could offer an extra advanced poll is the last Saturday in October, Anthon said.

Although everyone had been hoping for a poll on the Thanksgiving weekend, when many cottagers are in the Highlands, this is not possible because it's before the deadline for candidates to announce they're running. Given that deadline, and the time required to print the ballots, municipalities would be scrambling for an October poll. One member pointed out that many seniors have already left for Florida by late October.

Two other options which would have made it easier for cottagers to vote have been nixed for this election. Voting by mail has no guarantees that the ballots would be delivered on time, and voting by phone requires touch tone phones, which not everyone has. Fearrey said Dysart is still hoping to have an advanced poll in the Toronto area.

Signs stolen

The theft of four signs on South Kashagawigamog Lake Road and four or five from Cariboo Road is the first time the organization has had any trouble with its new sign system.

The posts were also stolen and the replacement costs for the road signs are $25 for the sign and $10 for the post. This money will likely be canvassed from property owners in the area.

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Geo-Camp at Frost Centre offers budding geologists mountains of activities

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Budding geologists will get a taste of how it must've felt for prospectors to strike gold during a three-day workshop focusing on rocks and minerals later this month at the Leslie M. Frost Centre.

They won't be able to retire on what they unearth while panning for gold, but participants in the Geo-Camp are virtually certain not to leave empty handed.

Aside from the tiny flecks of gold they find, camp members will also take away a mountain of geological information from numerous hands-on activities led by two long-time educators with extensive backgrounds in geology.

"I'm really excited about it. I think it's a really great program," said John Etches, one of the co-leaders and a geologist and teacher at the Frost Centre. "People are going to see and do a lot of cool stuff."

Etches and the other camp leader, Rick Keevil, have spent more than 35 years combined teaching people about rocks and minerals.

During the upcoming Geo-Camp, participants will study local landforms, learn how to identify different rocks and minerals, go rockhounding and practics the art of lapidary — cutting, grinding and polishing rocks and minerals into "something that is either beautiful or useful."

The camp, which runs from July 31 to August 2, is open to anyone 12 years of age and older.

One of the highlights of the camp, the first of its kind offered by the Frost Centre, is a day-long field trip to the Bancroft Gemboree — Canada's largest rock and mineral show.

When they return from the Gemboree, participants will pan for gold in gold-bearing river gravel transported from the Vermilion River near Sudbury.

Participants are almost guaranteed to have success at panning.

"I've panned literally thousands of pans of gold with students over the years and only about five haven't come up with anything," said Etches.

However, people shouldn't expect to strike it rich at the Geo-Camp. The fragments of gold to be found certainly couldn't be classified as chunks or nuggets.

"Picture 10 times smaller than a salt grain," said Etches. "They're smaller than that."

During a goemorphology hike, participants will learn about features of the landscape and the geological forces that created them.

"The landscape appears to be random, but very specific forces and processes have created what we see," said Etches, noting how faulting and the glaciers combined to create the many cliffs that can be found in the Highlands.

The cost of participating in the Geo-Camp is $213 for youths between 12 and 17 or $258 for adults 18 and older. The price includes two nights accommodation at the Frost Centre, six meals, all programs, the field trip to the Gemboree, a T-shirt, a gold sample for successful panners and GST.

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LKO has new executive

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Gifts of appreciation were given to volunteers Kathy Sweeney, Lynne Bertrand, Lloyd Rockett, Bud Thorne, Loreen Scott, Jim Aikman, and Jim Joseph.

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. There will be a mandatory site meeting on Friday, August 1, 1997 at the site, tender packages will only be available until this date.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Wednesday, the 27th day of August, 1997, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the original Shore Road allowance in Front of Lot 25, Concession III, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Parts 1 and 2 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey dated October 15, 1996 made by Greg Bishop, Ontario Land Surveyor.

The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at GOODERHAM, Ontario this 15th day of July, 1997.

GLEN MADILL,
CLERK-TREASURER

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(date substantially performed)

Date certificate signed: *July 3, 1997* J. Mullin,
Project Manager (Payment Certifier)

Name of owner: Municipality of Dysart et al
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A. Identification of premises for preservation of liens:

(where liens attach to premises, reference to lot and plan or instrument registration number)

B. Office to which claim for lien and affidavit must be given to preserve lien:
Municipality of Dysart et al
(where liens do not attach to premises)

West Guilford winners take home 50/50 draw and Bingo earnings

WEST GUILFORD *News*

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Congratulations to Shelley Pasher, a cottager at Kennisis, who won the 50/50 draw on Canada Day, and to Yvonne Bigelow who won the $1,000 Bingo on July 7.

Congratulations belatedly to the Russell twins, Denise and Michelle, daughters of Carmel and John who graduated from Grade 8. Michelle was an honour student and also won the leadership and math awards.

It is good-bye and away to Dan and Joan Humeniuk who left last week for Elliot Lake where they will be making their home. Their place here was bought by Chris and Kelly (Reynolds) Harrison. We wish them happiness in their new home and will miss them .

Kay and Perry Morrison attended the wedding in Pefferlaw of Perry's niece, Nancy McMurtry and Brian Roberts, Nancy is the daughter of Aldyth and Don McMurtry.

A huge welcome home to Sid and Louise Cooper from their first year of teaching in Seoul, Korea.

We are offering sympathy to the children and families of Elizabeth Nunn who died on July 4. She leaves to mourn her children, Betty Smith, Rose Barry, Tom Nunn, all of this community, Robert of California, and Coletta Ohmstede of Florida, and their families. Many of us remember Mrs. Nunn as the one who made and decorated so beautifully so many special cakes for celebrations.

Jean and Rod Henderson have special guests, David and Caroline Baker, Canberra of Australia. David's mother and Jean had been chums as young girls in England. The contact was enjoyable all round.

Henning Graduation

Wayne Harold Henning, son of Norma and Bill Henning of Haliburton, recently graduated with a B.A. Honours from Queen's University, Kingston Ontario. He is continuing his studies in Film and Communications at Concordia University, Montreal in the fall for his Master's Degree.

Trent-Severn Waterways remain stable this summer

At 84%, the lake capacity in Haliburton is about 2% less than normal on July 7.

Gull River flow, coming from some of those lakes, also averaged less than normal while the surplus conditions diminished on the Kawarthas.

The Kawarthas were down into their navigation ranges as the week began. Flow leaving them was reduced over the preceding week and if the impending rain is light a further reduction will be done before Friday, July 11. High evaporation rates have yet to set in during the summer of 1997.

Lake Simcoe-Couchiching is declining as well, but is still a few centimetres above its normal level for the time of year. A larger than normal flow is leaving the lakes and with rain in the offing, this is expected to continue.

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Harcourt art show alive with colour

■ *From landscapes to dreamscapes, local artists display their creations at The Harcourt Community Centre on the weekend*

WILBERFORCE *News*

Hilda Clark

Watercolours, oils, pencil sketches, canvas sketch pads, finely framed or simply displayed, the works of the Harcourt Art Group were showcased on Sunday, July 13. The Harcourt Community Centre was quietly alive with the colour of art, and visitors came to view the work of several local artists.

Works ranged from landscapes peaceful and serene, brilliant floral depictions, lakes, docks and lighthouses to a sketch of a young boy's dream car or favourite cartoon character.

Here a large cat watches your every move; over there loons, jays and chickadees seem about to fly out of the canvas; nearby an old cookstove appears ready for use except for the beautiful geraniums that are blooming on it.

As well as hours spent on their art at home, the creators of the pieces in this show meet on many Tuesday evenings at the Community Centre to work together to learn from each other and to be given help when needed from their leader, Claire Loft.

Claire considers this a service to the local people, and gives freely as even the hall is given freely for their use. There are no formal lessons, but they learn from each other. Technique and ideas for pieces are shared. Age is no problem. Several young boys are involved whenever time permits. Beginners are warmly welcomed to the group.

Among those with work in the show, Edna Bowers is one of the most prolific. Edna loves to paint. She paints on canvas; she paints on stones; her bird paintings on all kinds of fungi are well known. Edna paints all kinds of wildlife, but admits that birds are her favourite subject. Most weekends throughout the summer you can see her work at the front of her house in Wilberforce.

Others in the show included Helen Linkert, Diane Gurley, Mary Barker, Barb Boudalier, Evie Davis, Evan Norrish, Justin Donaldson and Gavin Swan.

Signs of this weekend's annual Country Good Times Festival are evident. The banner is up, everyone is discussing possibilities for entries in the parade on Saturday. Wagons, trailers anything on wheels is being conscripted on which to build floats. Bicycles and ATV's are being decorated. Clown suits are being aired, ironed and new ones created. Baking for the bake sale, crafts for the craft/flea market are being finished. And I'm sure voices, fiddles and guitars are being tuned for the amateur contests. New this year is the Country Video on Friday night.

If you have any energy left, then plan to attend the Croquet Tournament and Afternoon Tea at the Outpost Historic House on Tuesday, July 22. Enter a team of two, come out and cheer, or just come for tea.

MacKINNON GRADUATION: Mr. and Mrs. Norm MacKinnon of South Lake are proud to announce the recent graduation of their son Marc. Marc received his four year (honours) Bachelor of Business Administration at Brock University. Marc received his secondary education in Aylmer and at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Marc has been accepted at the School of Business – Dalhousie University in Halifax where he will be taking his Master of Business Administration (MBA) this September.

Entertainers appreciated for a job well done

SENIOR LEAGUE *Hyland Crest News*

Donna Wallace
286-2140

We're here again, another week gone by. First, our condolences to the family and friends of Violet Cook who passed away July 3 in her 94th year on Friday, July 4.

At Happy Hour we were entertained by Gord Kidd and on Saturday we enjoyed the music of John Menzies.

We are very fortunate to have such a variety of entertainment from all of the varied music groups who play for us. It is very much appreciated.

The Flea Market held by the Ladies' Auxiliary on July 5 and 6 was very successful as well as their Strawberry Tea and Bake Sale held the previous weekend. Thanks to all those who donated.

A warm welcome to our home for Mrs. Marguerite Brehtour, Mrs. Ruby Roberts and Mrs. ruby Schmidt. Jean McClintock was here Sunday afternoon and played piano for us. Many of us attended and joined in a singsong. We enjoy singing along to our favourites.

The weather certainly turned around again and because of the cool, damp temperatures, the "Garden Barbecue" set for July 9 had to be postponed. We have been assured that it will be rescheduled.

In it's place a "discussion" was held on various topics. These discussions are always enjoyed. In the evening we listened to music while "tucking into" our ice cream.

On July 10, our tea party was served by Eastern Star. We enjoyed their treats. Thank you ladies.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Marian Fisher. We will miss her presence here. Marion was one of the chapel organists here and a friend to many.

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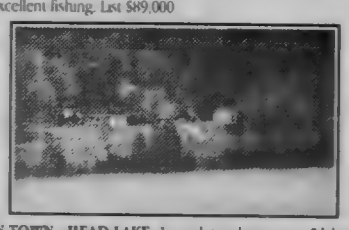

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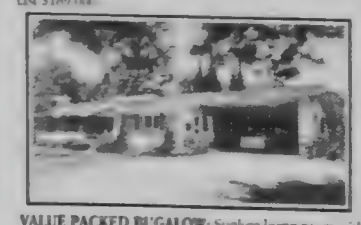

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Property owners pick names for their roads for consideration by Dysart Council

RHUBARB PATCH

News

Ruth Still
457-2602

As mentioned before, at the Rhubarb Festival, there will be an information centre (probably on the lawn at the stop light corner) where information on address sign posting will be available. As well, property owners an voice their preference of a name and can propose oad names to the municipality. Council will make the nal decision.

There will also be hand-outs regarding Neighbourhood Watch and the proposed date of our ext village meeting to fine tune the organization.

The Rhubarb Festival is upon us on Saturday, July 19. Will you be able to join us for the pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. and cheer the Mini Marathon runners as they arrive?

Vendors will be setting up booths, and 60 home-baked pies will be out by 9:30 a.m. There is no baking contest this year.

The day will be crowded with events of interest to all ages. So see you at the Eagle Lake park beside the lake.

Marion Fisher's final farewell to her readers

Marion Fisher, who wrote this article for the Seniors of Haliburton County Friendship Club, passed away July 9, 1997.

"What is so rare as a day in June' – then, if ever, come perfect days" wrote the poet of old – and he was perfectly right!

We proved it again on Thursday, June 19, as Francis Elstone's hospitably opened the doors of her home, Lakeview Lodge on the beautiful shores of Soyers Lake, to a capacity crowd of Seniors from the Haliburton County Friendship Club for their final "Pot Luck" luncheon of the season.

The group will re-convene for its 1997-1998 term in September. All are welcome!

It was a fantastic day – perfect weather and superb food as each person brought a favourite salad, platter of cold cuts, feather-light biscuits, assorted cheese, crackers, fruits and desserts which can only be described as sinfully delicious.

"We all returned to our homes with deep feelings of gratitude for the privilege of living in Canada, in Haliburton."

The warmth of the friendly atmosphere left no room for anyone to feel like an outsider – even the first time visitors. In fact, one couple whose health had necessitated a move to Toronto, drove up for the day and were so joyously greeted that the long trip was felt to have been well worth the effort.

Even the installation of our new president Al Dorman was an occasion for laughter and fun as Mary Packard, our retiring president, pinned on Al's badge of office while cameras photographed the pair to add pictures to the Club's archives.

The breathtaking beauty of Francis' heritage property, the sunny day, the hospitality, the heart-warming friendliness, the sincere kindness of each toward the other, the wholesome fun and laughter all combined to form memories we will all enjoy until we meet to add new ones in the fall.

I am sure we all returned to our homes with deep feelings of gratitude for the privilege of living in Canada, in Haliburton, amidst such beauty of nature and being members of our Haliburton Friendship Club.

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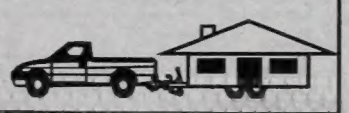

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Tickets available for annual church dinner

DORSET *News*

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

On Saturday, July 19, St. Mary Magdalene's Church is holding its annual church dinner in the Dorset Recreation Centre at 6 p.m. The charge is $10 for adults, $5 for children over five years old, and $25 for families. The dinner will be followed with a silent auction and a bid auction. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance from Gordon MacKay, Barb Nagle, Bob Burton in Byasville, Mary Elder in Port Cunnington.

Happy birthday to Jesse Ryan, Lesley Tebby, Ursula Bryant, Lindsay Drinkwater and Scott Crewson.

There will be drop-in baseball every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the new diamond next to the firehall. Come out and join in the fun.

Congratulations to Fred and Gona Baum who became grandparents to a lovely baby girl. Their son and daughter-in-law became the parents of Sabrina on June 27. She weighs 7 lb, 4-1/2 oz. The family is doing well. They reside in Windsor.

There is Kid's Arts and Crafts every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is for children 5 to 12 years old. The charge is $3 per child and all materials are supplied. This is a great opportunity for children to get interested in craft work or in drawing and painting.

We have a new citizen in our community. Baby Rylan Anger arrived on the scene at Bracebridge Hospital on June 23 to the delight of his parents, Kelly and Janie Anger. Now there is a brother for two-year-old Brady. We congratulate all the family, including the happy "Grandma" Carol Anger.

It's great to see our summer residents back with us again. St. Mary Magdalene's Church is especially delighted to welcome back the Summer Choir which is composed of individuals who sing in the choir at their home churches. The group is conducted by Bishop Derwyn Jones who is also the organist. They make beautiful music. We are very fortunate to have these talented musicians in our congregation.

H.H. – When whipping cream, instead of adding sugar add a teaspoon of liquid honey. It gives a delightful flavor and the whipped cream holds up better.

Wise words to ponder while our municipalities decide "who does what"

The following portion of John Barber's February 19 Globe and Mail column, "Harris's words come back to bite him," was reprinted in the July issue of Municipal World magazine.

Barber writes how municipalities are at a point where they feel pressured to proceed with restructuring, even though they don't have the latest necessary fiscal information as a result of megaweek, and they may wish to regard the following opinion.

"There is no cost for a municipality to maintain its name and identity. Why destroy our roots and pride? I disagree with restructuring because it believes that bigger is better. Services always cost more in larger municipalities."

That statement was made by Mike Harris in the fall of 1994, just a few months before his election as the Premier of Ontario.

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Lions club's new members

The Kinmount and District Lions Club have grown: pictured above are the new Lion Members from left to right: Lion Vince Leveck, Lion Doug King, Lion Grant Crofts, Lion John Lyttle, Lion Ian Wood, Lion Bill Hartin, Lion Sheila Kempinski, Lion Bryan Moulton. Missing from picture Lion Walter Leveck and Lion Roxanne Casey.

Annual Music Revue surprises guests with renowned opera singer

CARNARVON *News*

Ann McKay
489-2924

Two "Berry" entertaining evenings were enjoyed by a sellout performance when Zion Choir put on their Annual Musical Revue.

Chris Archer, daughter Holly and five-year-old granddaughter Jordon were a family trio, surprise guest vocalist was opera singer Robert DeVries of Toronto who sang three solos.

All this and fabulous desserts too. Congratulations to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Davis of Virginia spent some time with his mother Betty Davis, Betty and Marlene Welch also spent a day at a Quilting exhibition in Minnising.

Mr. Al Cheeseman and son were in the north part of the Province on a fishing trip.

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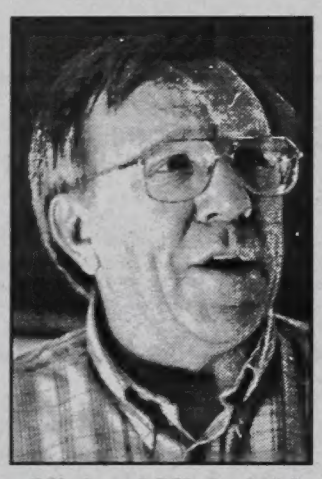
Drag Lake has room for development, limnologist says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association annual general meeting at the former Camp Illahee on July 5.

Sixty-seven new seasonal lots can be created on Drag Lake before there is a seriously detrimental effect on the lake, limnologist Michael Michalski said when presenting his lake capacity study of Drag, Art (Spruce) Lake and Outlet Bay.

Water quality models can quite accurately predict the impact of development on water quality, he said. By setting the level for acceptable levels, you can then say how many property developments a lake can sustain before those levels are reached.



Michael Michalski

He suggests that Drag Lake's maximum chlorophyll level be 1.8 micrograms per litre, an increase of .3 micrograms over the present level. That sort of change wouldn't be detectable for another 50 to 60 years.

His objective for Outlet Bay is also 1.8, but it's present level is already 1.7 and "a whole pile of severances have been created (but not yet developed.)" He does not recommend future severances.

There is a freeze on development on Spruce/Art Lake because of Ministry of Natural Resources concerns over lake trout.

However, his finding that 67 new lots – over and above the lots which have been created but not yet developed – are allowable is based on Camp Illahee not being used in any capacity.

The camp has been essentially dormant for the past several years, and his testing took place over the past year when the camp was not in use. If the camp is purchased and operates either as a camp or as a property development, that would affect how many other lots on the lake can be created. (A recent bid to turn the property into a hockey camp has apparently fallen through.)

Too many fish

It's not often that you hear fishermen complaining of too many fish, but lake steward Bert Bicknell reported that the population of rock bass "is soaring to the great detriment of small mouth bass."

The rock bass compete with the small mouth bass and lake trout for food, and often win. This means the more desirable fish are small and aren't growing or reproducing quickly.

If you catch a rock bass, take it out of the lake, whether you want to eat it or not, Bicknell said. (But if you do have a rock bass dinner, beware of the small bones.)

Water quality

Lake clarity and phosphorous levels continue to be "well under" provincial benchmarks for lakes of good water quality, Bicknell said.

Drag Lake is in slightly better condition than Spruce/Art Lake, but both are very good.

However, there's still a need for property owners to reduce the amount of algae-creating phosphorous going into the lake. Phosphate-free detergents should be used and fertilizing lawns discouraged.

Sarah Katz reminded everyone that one person doing one small thing can make a positive difference to water quality.

X marks the spot

After retiring to the Highlands, former association president Al Ferguson said he wanted to give something back to the area as he announced his intention to run for one of the councillor positions in Dysart's November municipal elections.

"I've been coming up here for 50 years and want to contribute to the community," he said. Judging by the warm applause, he can already count on quite a few votes.

Dysart report

Reeve Murray Fearrey touched on several of the issues consuming county council and Dysart council over the past year, including restructuring, alternative voting methods, the strategic plan (with everyone being invited to the July 24 public meeting at the Haliburton Legion), and provincial downloading.

He said greater care will be taken over by-law requirements that if someone wants to add to their existing cottage, but it no longer conforms with setback requirements, they cannot increase the floor area by more than 50% and must stay within the "footprint" of the original building. A cottager recently built an almost-new cottage on the site of an older cottage, and Fearrey called it a "bad decision" which wouldn't be allowed again.

The major issue will be the shifts created by the province's adoption of Actual Value Assessment. "If the assessors have been doing their job properly, those with newer cottages shouldn't see a dramatic increase" but those with older cottages will likely see increases.

And with the number of new responsibilities being downloaded by the province, "we're being told it's revenue neutral, but sorry folks," said Fearrey. "To tell you there won't be a tax increase would be lying to you...

"I know things had to change (on the provincial level) but their long-term thoughts are going to backfire."

Asked about the local economy and tax arrears – which are 50% of last year's, partly because council has taken a firm stance with business taxes – Fearrey said "we're still hurting but there are signs of recovery... We've focused so long on tourism and maybe that won't carry us on. We have a strong forestry industry and we need to focus on other areas."

Roads

Fearrey said that because of previous provincial requirements, the improvements to the Harburn Road were done at a far higher standard than was necessary for the road. Although it means the province no longer chips in for road construction, "we can now build roads with half the money to a standard that's suitable."

Patricia Shuttle was appointed as second vice-president to liaison with roads departments.

Hug a tree

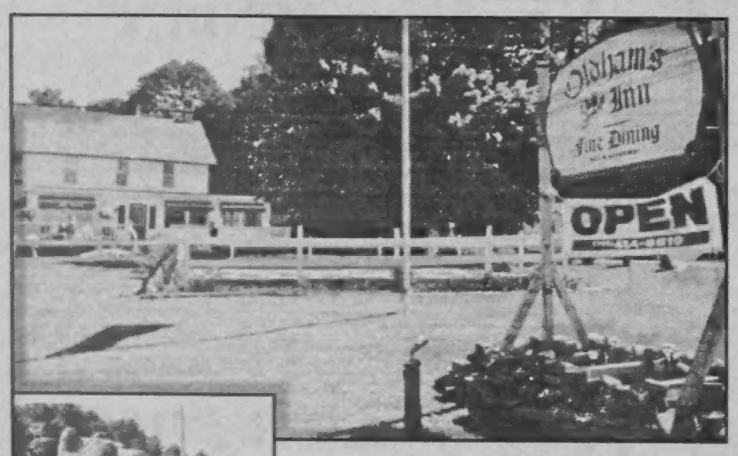
Kids can "hug a tree" at this year's Fun Day, but the reason is quite serious. Members of the Haliburton County Search and Rescue Team will be introducing young lake residents to their Hug a Tree program, which teaches them that if they ever get lost in a woods, they should stay where they are and wait to be found instead of wandering even farther away from home.

Since its inception in 1991, the Team has helped with 23 searches, including one for a Drag Lake camper last summer.

The association donated $200.

VOLUNTEER GROUP APPRECIATED: David Laferle of the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association presents a $200 donation to Jim & Cathy Chatterton of the Haliburton County Search and Rescue Team.

BUSINESS BRIEFS



NEW OWNERS AT MOORE FALLS: After several months of remodelling the former Moore Lake Inn, new owners Victor and Carol Brown have launched the inaugural season of Oldham's Inn on Hwy 35. Friends can gather and enjoy fine dining, or spend the night in the fully restored bed and breakfast rooms. There's a Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every week, and the dining room is open from five to 10 (except on Sundays when it's open 5 to 9 p.m. and on Tuesdays, when it's closed.) It's fully licensed and a smoke-free environment. Reservations: call 705-454-

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